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Human remains are those of Allegan County woman

On November 13, troopers from the Michigan State Police (MSP) responded to a welfare check and missing-person complaint at a property on the 600 block of Lincoln Road — near M-89 and 106th Avenue — after a 48-year-old Allegan County woman, who had been living in a camper behind a home, had not been seen for some time.

When officers arrived and found no sign of the woman, the investigation turned into a missing-person case. During their search of the surrounding property, investigators discovered what appeared to be human remains.

"Through further investigation … they discovered some human remains near a campsite or a camper back in the area," said Detective First Lieutenant Chuck Christensen of MSP's Fifth District.

Forensic teams from MSP's Grand Rapids lab, alongside anthropologists from Western Michigan University, were called in to excavate the scene. Initial analysis indicated the remains had likely been there "a few weeks," and an autopsy was scheduled promptly to help determine identity, time of death, and possible cause of death.

On December 1, MSP publicly confirmed that the remains have been positively identified as those of the missing 48-year-old woman from Allegan County. The agency has not released her name.

"The burned remains found on Nov. 13 in Otsego Township have been positively identified as those of the missing 48-year-old Allegan County woman," MSP said in a social-media post.

According to MSP, the remains were found burned — behind a vacant home — prompting forensic investigators and anthropologists to treat this as a suspicious death and continue a full investigation.

As of now, the manner and cause of death remain undetermined, and the investigation remains active. Authorities are urging anyone with information to contact the MSP Wayland Post at 269-792-2213.

Members of the Plainwell High School marching band are seen in action during the recently concluded 2025 season. (Photo provided)

Plainwell HS band wins 'favorite band' contest, OHS places second

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

Which high school marching band in West Michigan is the favorite?

That's the question Kalamazoo-based radio station 103.3 WKFR wanted to answer through its aptly titled Favorite High School Marching Band in Southwest Michigan contest.

And it was the two local schools that dominated the 66-band field.

Plainwell emerged as the winner, collecting 11.05 percent of the vote. Otsego earned runner-up honors, finishing with 10.1 percent of the final tally.

Plainwell and Otsego were the only two bands to reach double-digit support. South Haven was the next closest at 9.61 percent.

"We extend our gratitude to the Plainwell community for your incredible support for the Trojan Band program," Plainwell Schools officials said in a social media post. "This season has been exceptionally successful for the TMB, and their dedication was recently honored when they were voted the Favorite High School Marching Band in Southwest Michigan - 2025.

"The results of this poll serve as overwhelming evidence of our community's support of our band students and recognition of their hard work in achieving success. The students, directors and administrators are appreciative of such a wonderfully supportive community."

The recognition comes at the end of one of Plainwell's strongest seasons ever.

The Trojans finished state runner-up at the Michigan Competing Band Association Flight IV Finals at Ford Field, posting the highest State Finals score in program history. Earlier in the fall, Plainwell won the Sparta Invitational, earning the top Flight IV score to that point and sweeping awards for Best Visual, Best General Effect and Best Color Guard.

And all of it came while the band rehearsed in parking lots and on temporary fields due to construction at Streidl Field.

Plainwell band director David Hepinstall credited the students' work ethic and attention to detail, along with steady support from parents and administrators. He said the program has raised its own expectations and no longer views seasons like this as exceptions.

Otsego turned in a noteworthy season as well.

The Bulldogs' percussion section earned an invitation to the West Michigan Drum Bash, drawing strong reviews from event clinicians and staff. Sophomore Matthew Lewis added an individual highlight by winning *The Green Race* keyboard competition.

Otsego also hosted the 40th anniversary of the Otsego Band Invitational, performing in the Creative Arts Festival parade earlier in the day before closing the night with the event's final show. Otsego band director Mitch Piersma said visiting directors praised the Otsego students for their sportsmanship and support of other bands throughout the day.

Another highlight for the Bulldogs' season was an outreach performance at Bulldog Stadium for elementary students from across the district. The event gives younger students a look at the high school program while providing the marching band another opportunity to perform.

Together, Plainwell and Otsego once again showed the strength of the area's marching bands. From competitive success to community connection, both programs continue to make their mark each fall. And if the results of the WKFR poll are any indication, local residents have taken notice—proudly backing the students who pour their hearts into representing their schools each fall.

The Otsego High School marching band performs during the Otsego Band Invitational. (Photo provided)

Otsego receives MDOT grant for two bridges

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

The two bridges in the City of Otsego—one at Farmer Street and one at North Street—are inspected every two years by the Michigan Department of Transportation.

"All of our inspections have been in compliance and show no signs of deterioration," Otsego City Manager Aaron Mitchell said.

But keeping the bridges is solid working condition is not an inexpensive endeavor.

"Bridge maintenance is incredibly expensive and a huge liability when you consider the potential catastrophe a failed bridge provides," Mitchell said.

The City of Otsego recently received some good news on that front, as it was awarded a grant in excess of $650,000 through the Local Bridge Program.

That amount will cover 85 percent of the cost to conduct "necessary and needed" maintenance on both bridges.

The City is responsible for the remaining 15 percent.

"We are incredibly thankful for this grant," Mitchell said. "With it, this would be a $650,000 expense that we would have to find somewhere within our own road funding.

"So, this grant will have a ripple effect across all road expenses going forward many years as it will help our local road fund balance significantly."

According to Mitchell, Otsego had a few things going for it when it came to the grant process.

"We won this grant based on a few cues our engineer informed us about," he said. "This included earning points for tying two projects together—the bridges on Farmer and North streets—and the 15 percent contribution match.

"We intentionally did (the 15-percent match) to earn the necessary points for a successful application.

Mitchell was told that Otsego had the highest point total in the Southwest region.

Due to the technical nature of the work done on the bridges, the maintenance won't be completed until 2028.

"These repairs are planned out multiple years to get all of the work engineered before final plans are scheduled and made," Mitchell said. "But (receiving the grant) allows for us begin the permitting process and start the engineering immediately."

The work done on the Otsego bridges won't be "anything terribly dramatic like replacing or changing the appearance of the bridges," according to Mitchell.

Rather, the work will entail power washing, sanding and replacing some of the beams and concrete underneath the bridges.

The bidding of these projects is a fairly unique process, as MDOT will actually declare what is needed and how much as well as what the costs are by scheduling contractors.

"Bridge maintenance is one of those things that few ever think about, which makes it difficult to budget for major repairs or maintenance," Mitchell said. "This grant helps the City a lot."

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Families need help this holiday season

The following letters are just a few of the dozens we have received. The deadline to submit letters for help is on December 5th. You must include your name, address and a phone number to be eligible. If you need help OR are interested in donating to the Christmas Wish Program, you can do so by wilcoxnewspapers@gmail.com or giving us a call, 269-657-5080. You may also mail your letters or donations to: Wilcox Newspapers PO Box 189, Allegan, MI 49010.

Hello I am a mother of 2 children, a boy (8) & a girl (10). I am a wife of a recent amputee. My husband a year ago went through a very unfortunate event, a motorcycle accident and experienced a below the knee amputation. My husband has gone through 2 prosthetics this year, now he needs a 3rd one unfortunately as his nub has shrunk big time and his prosthetic is way too big for him. Due to it being so big it hurts him when he walks because he has to wear up to 20 Ply Socks to compensate the gap in his prosthetic. Due to us having to get another prosthetic I have to save as much money as possible because insurance does not want to cover it as this is #3 for the year.. As we have to do this, I am not looking forward to Christmas time for both our children, our dog. After the year we have had I really wish we could make our Christmas special, we could always use the cheering up & to stress a little less. I just want to be able to get my husband a prosthetic and to make my 2 kids happy Christmas day. Thank you so much for reading my email, I hope you have a blessed day!

Good evening, I am writing you because my mom is a little too proud to ask for help. She is a single parent of four kids. She has worked hard in our entire life. She's always had two jobs to be able to provide for all of us. She barely gets support. Recently, she has lost both of her jobs and has been struggling to make ends meet. I listen to her cry at night. She puts all of us kids before her own needs. She pays rent and utilities and pays for a van. Our van needs work. It's been in an accident and she hasn't paid to get it fixed. It needs new brakes. Her and my grandmother fight all the time about how she's gonna cover things. Our family could very much use some assistance. We could use help with getting our rent covered with Christmas for me and my siblings. My mom could use assistance for herself. She hasn't done anything for herself in a very long time.

Good afternoon. I was told you could email this information to you guys and you would possibly help? My family and I are struggling to pay our electric bill. It's $240.68 that we owe, and we are struggling to get it caught up. I am 21 weeks pregnant, struggling with onset preeclampsia and have been in the hospital twice a week for the past few weeks. My husband works, but when I have to go to the hospital he has to stay home with our baby boy (who just turned 1). He doesn't get paid for the days he has to stay home, so his checks have been cut down which make paying bills like this difficult. We have done so good with our life so far.. we are 23/24, married 3 years ago and then had our first son last year, we have been together since highschool (2018).. long story short I just don't want us to fail by starting to fall behind on things. I know people out there have much greater needs than ours, so if you cannot help us that is absolutely understandable. We just appreciate you all taking the time to read this. Thank you so much, happy holidays!

Hello, I learned about your Christmas Wish List program through an Allegan County community page. I was told you may be able to assist families experiencing legitimate hardship during the holiday season. I am reaching out because I am in an urgent financial crisis while trying to rebuild stability for myself and my children. I recently moved to Plainwell after 86 days of homelessness, which began following a wrongful eviction from my Kalamazoo apartment that remains under active investigation with a Michigan Department of Civil Rights (MDCR) investigator. My MDCR case has been certified, yet I was evicted on August 7, 2025, despite the pending investigation. In the months leading up to the eviction, I also lost my small business and my downtown Kalamazoo storefront, my primary source of income. Shortly after, my vehicle was repossessed in late June. I spent 7 weeks without transportation, which made it extremely difficult to maintain my income. After the eviction, I purchased another used vehicle on August 13th (five days later) so I could continue searching for housing, attend appointments, and care for my children. I finally paid off that vehicle last week, but it has left me very short on funds for December rent. At this moment, I have less than $100 to my name. Michigan Works PATH paid my first month's rent, and I spent my $400 deposit earlier this year while I was still homeless. I am doing everything possible to rebuild, including applying for SNAP and Cash Assistance through Allegan County DHS (I have completed all verification requirements), but my benefits have not yet started. To help cover basic needs during this time, I have been donating plasma twice a week. I have also visited food pantries twice this month to help with groceries. My usual income source, selling my remaining small-business inventory on Facebook Marketplace, has dropped significantly since the start of the government shutdown, and I have not seen the typical holiday-season increase in sales. This is usually the busiest and most reliable time of year for the home décor and seasonal inventory I sell. Most of my belongings, including our couch and beds for myself and my children, remain in storage because I am behind on the fees that accumulated during homelessness. I paid approximately $560 per month while homeless to keep our belongings safe, but now I cannot catch up enough to retrieve them. I am requesting assistance with any of the following: December rent (most urgent for housing stability), Storage unit fees so I can bring home our beds and belongings, Groceries and basic household necessities. I am not requesting ongoing support; only the assistance I need to get through this critical moment while I wait for my benefits to begin and continue working toward permanent employment. Any help you can provide would mean so much to my children and me as we rebuild after a tough year. I can provide documentation such as my lease, storage statements, identification, or MDCR case information. Thank you sincerely for your time, kindness, and consideration.

To Whom It May Concern, I am writing to you with a humble and heavy heart to ask for Christmas assistance for my children this year. I have been doing my absolute best to keep up with our bills and provide for them, but things have become increasingly difficult. By the time rent, utilities, and essentials are paid, there is simply nothing left—and the thought of my kids waking up on Christmas morning with nothing under the tree breaks me. My children deserve to feel the joy and magic of the holiday season, even though our circumstances are tough right now. I'm trying to hold everything together, but the financial strain has made it nearly impossible to give them the Christmas I want them to have. Any help your program could offer—whether rental assistance, electric assistance, food, toys, clothing, or simply a bit of hope—would mean more to us than I can put into words. It would lift a tremendous weight off my shoulders and bring so much happiness to my kids during a time when they need it most. Thank you sincerely for considering my request and for the kindness you show to families like mine. Your generosity truly makes a difference.

My husband,son,parents and myself could definitely use little holiday cheer. Year started with my son totalling his car in accident on way work. Following month got covid so he was fired for missing days. Next job he got fired he missed days cause he ended up getting lyme disease unfortunately. My husband only works part time cause of kidney disease. I don't work cause I take care of him and my parents. And everything around house. My parents lost their health insurance cause I guess SSI they make too much. None of us get food stamps. Then to top of the year. Last Tuesday I was in my first accident and my car was totaled. It's been extremely rough year. We aren't type of family that believe in having gifts to unwrap. Holidays are spending time.with each other. Having get together family meal. As long as we have food in house, gas in car and of course can't forget our 2 other members 2 kitties. Family means more then material things. Thank you amd merry Christmas

This is my daughters last Christmas as a teen, I want to be able to give her a good one. I'm a single mom on a SSI income of one which isn't much. I also took in a friend who came from a pretty bad domestic violence situation and money has been even tighter. My daughter is big into horror, screen writing, dark goth makeup, the franchise scream and Frankenstein. She wants to go to school for film and she love to write and is really good at it too. I know since she's 17 we probably will get overlooked and I'm sure there are many other children who deserve this as well but we would truly appreciate the help. Her dad hasn't been in her life since she was 7 so there is absolutely no help there or from his side of the family. We make due but it would be nice for her to get at least one thing for Christmas other then the very little I can do. I appreciate the opportunity to write in if anything.

Hello I am writing in response to your ad in the paper, I would like to nominate my brother and his family. They are young married couple with the sweetest five year old daughter, they are very deserving people, they work hard and have been faced with some obstacles in life but their love and dedication always persist, my five year old niece is highly autistic and her parents love her and try their best to accommodate her, they are so selfless and wonderful, I know they have been having a serious financial hardship recently as my brothers car is not working and hardly safe to drive (I worry all the time about that for him), but I would love to see them have a wonderful Christmas that I know that cannot provide. I hope that you will be able to gift them the Christmas that I wish I could ,thank you very much.

Hello, I found this information from an Allegan County informed page and thought maybe it wouldn't hurt to try. I am a single woman living on a single income (struggling working 2 jobs) I just recently had to have work done on my car so it would run. I have been able to manage paying my $1000.00 rent however being able to afford food and gas has been a struggle. Just to have gas to continue to help get me back and forth to both jobs would be greatly appreciated. I understand that you have probably had a numerous amount of emails flooding your email. And I also understand that you may not be able to help everyone. Anything is always appreciated and very helpful. Thank you for your services and generosity.

My sister in law told me to contact you and that you may be able to help.

Im on ssdi and have 3 kids. Im not asking for alot really. Im just trying to find someone that could help with propane. We dont heat our home conventionally. We use one of those barbecue grill size propane tanks. It's less than 20$ to fill it and can last 3 days on low. I dont get my check til the beginning of December and I still dont know how im going to pull off Christmas. But im more concerned about heat. Anything will help. I have a cash app of that's an option.

My mom is also in need. She has cancer, again. And now her eyes are real bad and she needs surgery that's going to run her like 3,000. Maybe you can help her to?

I seen a post about how the paper is helping families this year. I am writing because we have an electric bill through consumers that is around $500. My husband and I both work full time. Although we work full time we're still struggling really bad keeping up on our bills. Mainly the electric (our heat is through the electric) I also haven't had enough money to buy my children coats for winter or my husband and I. So my Christmas wishlist is help with my electric bill. And coats for all of us Mom-3x light weight coat, Dad LG daughter LG, son 2x, son size x- large in boys. I know this is a big ask and please don't feel obligated to help, I know there are a lot of people in need right now. Thank you

We need help with a lot this year. I have lost 2 vehicles to accidents that were not my fault. One I was in the turn lane stopped and my car was hit the other someone ran a stop sign and hit the front of my car. That was all before April this year. In May our house in Allegan burned with all of our possessions in it. The only thing my son and I could do was come to northern Michigan to stay with family til the new house is built. We lost everything. We are waiting to see if the insurance going to replace anything. My son and I lost our place to stay in September when my mama unexpectedly passed and so we have been staying in hotels and it's taking every bit of income I have just to keep a roof over our heads. I often find myself skipping meals to feed my autistic teenager as I slowly replace his things and pray someone has what I need because I would rather go without than my son. It has been a hard heart breaking year and just to be able to decorate our cold reserved hotel room and have a tree with lights and ornaments even if it's a 4 foot tall fake tree with dollar tree ornaments and the presents just being things my kid needs and toys to replace what my service dog lost in the fire and groceries to have a good Christmas dinner because I have an air fryer oven and a hot plate. I would love to be able to get winter gear to keep us warm. The new house won't be done til in the spring. Thank you for your consideration.

To whom it may concern, I find myself extremely humbled to have to write this letter but I'm a little overwhelmed right now. I wondered with your holiday wish program if you have connections with any local dentists that might offer discounted services or be willing to work out a reasonable payment arrangement. I was diagnosed with Stage IV colon cancer in January of 2024. Thankfully after surgery and several rounds of chemotherapy, my most recent scans and bloodwork have been positive but now I find myself dealing with the post-effects of chemotherapy and some major dental issues. I went for a check up at my local dentist at the end of October and they are telling me I need four crowns and one root canal. The estimate they gave me was just under $6,000. I do have dental insurance but that only covers a maximum of $1,100 per year so I just don't see how I am going to be able to cover the difference. I have picked up an extra seasonal job to try to save more money towards this need so I am more than willing to do my part as well. If you have any connections with local dentists who might be willing to work with me to get my teeth back to a healthy state, I would be so grateful.

I am writing to you to ask if you might be able to help. I am 76 years old and trying to keep up with bills. I only have social security to live on. Recently the heat went out on my van. I've been told it could be the battery, the alternator on the heating motor. I don't have money for any of them. All of my family live paycheck to paycheck and have all had car repairs of their own recently. So they are unable to help. You have helped my family members the past two years and we are grateful. I used to babysit for my two granddaughters' children and that gave me enough to cover my bills. I've lost that income because they have both moved away from this area. I would greatly appreciate any help at all.

Never thought I'd have to ask for help at Christmas again. My grand daughters are 4 months and my oldest is 7 years old if you can help again this Christmas.Thank you if you can. Both of my daughters are on disability and don't have a lot of money to keep up with the cost of living and such. Thank you again

We are writing ahead to register and seek help at Christmas this year. We are struggling this year as we lost some family members. In March he died with his heart. Also my mom is struggling with dialysis, been in the hospital a few times with her heart. We are struggling not having the kids dad too. He feels lonely missing his dad, he's only 13. Just asking for any help you could donate us to help at Christmas. We don't have his dads help anymore. As well so we will struggle, with my mom sickness and the kids struggle being upset over his dad. We are very thankful for any donation, your organization is very loving and caring in helping people! Thank you for your help.

It is that time of year again. We are sorry to ask for help again. We did ask for help last year but did not receive it. We do find our selves in the position of needing help more than ever this year. Myself and my husband are grandparents going on 60 and 70 years old and are raising 2 grand children. One of which we have adopted, the other we are fostering as sadly his dad is in prison for another 2 years and his mother is nowhere to be found :(we are doing the best we can but I am now working part time Instead of full time so that we can can get them back and forth to school, get to weekly therapy appointments, attend court hearing and just every day care for the kids and my husband is fully disabled. We don't receive any food assistance or state help.

Taking in the grand children, has been life changing but we are doing what needs to be done for their best interest. Blending our two worlds means a lot of sacrifices and a lot of struggles, but we have no choice. We love them. Holidays are the hardest times. It's hard as hell to ask for help, but sometimes we have to swallow our pride and try . So here we are. The kids have been thru a lot and they deserve so much more than life has been for them. We cannot even explain what they have been thru and how much we are dealing with.

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Hi my family is needing help with our electric bill and Thanksgiving food and Christmas gifts for niece(we have legal guardianship of) and our son.... Here's a little about why 2 years ago my husband had a massive heart attack and went into cardiac arrest he was clinically dead 6 times (they called it a widowmaker) some how his body pushed his artery open 2% that is what saved his life they did a procedure where they lowered his body temp to 33 nd left it there for 24 hours after that they slowly raised his body temp back to normal we were told not to expect him to wake up and if he did he would probably need to be in a living facility to get full care. With all the prayers from people he woke up and was normal (he has memory issues here and there or maybe sometimes a speech thing)...6 days after he came home from the hospital we left for an hour to pick our son up from a football team dinner as we pulled on to our road we followed fire trucks going to our house. It was a complete loss. We are now trying to rebuild our lives and get our home the rest of the way hooked up(we only had renters so all we could get is a mobile home..in which we still need to get it founded on to cement slab and hook our septic up) we are living in the trailer as it sits now... we need to get it winterized and such...
In October of this year my husband went unresponsive in which we had to call 911 and my son performed cpr....(my husband is a semi truck driver he had to stop driving over the road and look for a local job because it was too much stress on him being over the road) he is doing fine now he was out of work for a little but and just currently went to work. I unfortunately can't work and dont qualify for disability I have degenerative disc disease and stenosis of the spine
In August of 2023 I had surgery on my back to put a spacer in spine to prevent my leg from always going to sleep (I was still healing when my husband had his heart attack) my disease is hereditary I have already lost several inches in height and when I work it makes my disease progress. So we are only a one income family who unfortunately got behind on bills because of this. If your not able.to help because I know there are more people out there just like us just know that I thank you for even reading this far. I hope you have a great Thanksgiving and the rest of this week. Thank you

So as I was scrolling through the allegan county informed I seen a post that was shared about how you guys were offering families assistance for the holidays so I thought I would reach out and ask if you could kindly send any kind of help my way as im in need of a decent vehicle to continue to work as im faceing eviction. I am seeking assistance already for my rent, I am perfectly capable of working and I do part time with the possibility of overtime but I am not able to work overtime due to car pooling with a friend. I feel like a total failure to my 14 year old daughter that resides with me. I can't lose her and my trailer on Christmas. If you can help in any way shape or form id appreciate it more than you'd ever know. Thank you for your time and happy holidays.

I am looking for help, I have been unemployed for over a year now. I have backed up bills. I am a father of 3 boys. 6,3,1. My roof is leaking and my car is in the way out. I am also 2 months behind on my house payment. Don't know what to do.

Glenn rallies to save old post office

By Scott Sullivan
Writer

Glenn efforts to save the community's old post office continue after lifting and moving the structure from its original foundation to near the Community Center at 6953 114th Ave.

Center members hope to raise $25,000 through sponsorship of bricks to complete the work.

It's a big project, but the unincorporated small community between Saugatuck-Douglas and South Haven has shown itself up to such tasks before.

The old village post office — now up on blocks next to community center thanks to efforts by Laraway & Sons House Movers, Hurtman Enterprises, Chris Allen Architect and Northshore Pest Control — served community members for decade before the U.S. Postal Service lost its lease on it.

The USPS planned in 2011 to eliminate Glenn's 49416 zip code and "split" the village; the half south of 114th would be considered South Haven, the half north would have a Fennville mailing address. No one's mail would read "Glenn, MI" anymore.

"Our town is sort of like Mayberry," said 10-year Carole Colsen then. "Everyone meets at the post office. If the post office was gone, it would have taken our identity away."

Others joined the outcry. When the postal service held a meeting in July to address residents' concerns, more than 200 people attended the standing-room-only event at the community center.

Among them were residents Robert and Vicki Amberg, then owners of the Gerstner Hardware store, which had served the community 1918 at 6988 114th Ave.

They offered an alternative to closing the post office: hosting the facility in their store. To their surprise, the USPS answered "yes."

The Ambergs sold the hardware in 2019, donatig all its inventory to Lakeshore Habitat for Humanity and the Holland ReStore. The late-1800s old building is now listed with Christie's International Properties at $250,000, but the USPS continues to lease the attached 644-square-foot structure.

As for the post office that preceded it? For $250 a brick, you can help set it down on a new foundation, plus provide preservation and finishing touches.

The community center welcomes suggestions for the latter and the building's further use.

Want to help? Go to https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfSE0r1x_4UgRv6UvqSQS4WzmpopEC-qOgYfPl2ZEjLCnFWatQ/viewform.

Allegan County truck driver arrested in Indiana

An Allegan truck driver was detained following a semi rollover on State Road 1 in Dekalb County, Indiana on November 30 at approximately 7:40 p.m.

According to the DeKalb County Sheriff's Office, 56-year-old Floyd K. Martin was driving a 2020 Freightliner southbound in the 4900 block of State Road 1 when the vehicle left the west side of the roadway. The semi entered a ditch and rolled onto its passenger side, causing a partial spill of the lumber it was transporting.

Concord Fire Department personnel extricated Martin from the cab. EMS evaluated him at the scene, but he declined medical treatment. Investigators report that Martin showed signs of impairment and was transported to the DeKalb County Jail for an OWI investigation.

Estimated damage to the semi and trailer is between $50,000 and $100,000. No other vehicles or individuals were reported involved.

One dead, four injured in Overisel Twp crash

One person was killed and four others were injured after a head-on collision on Thanksgiving in Overisel Township in Allegan County.

According to the Allegan County Sheriff's Office, the accident happened on 142nd Avenue near 41st Street on November 27.

Authorities said a pickup truck and a passenger vehicle crashed head-on. The passenger car was reportedly heading west on the roadway when the driver lost control and collided with the truck.

The front seat passenger in the passenger car was declared dead at the crash site.

The driver of the passenger vehicle sustained minor injuries due to the collision. The two back seat passengers, identified as a female and a 14-month-old child, were hospitalized. The female was listed in a critical condition while the child was listed in a stable condition.

The pickup truck was not hurt in the collision. The truck passenger was hospitalized with injuries.

Police believed alcohol contributed to the crash.

Slick roads cause 3-vehicle crash in Heath Twp

Multiple vehicles were involved in a head-on crash in Allegan County Thursday evening.

According to the Allegan County Sheriff's Office, the crash happened just before 6:30 p.m. on Lincoln Road M-40 Highway North near 127th Avenue in Heath Township.

A preliminary investigation found that a pickup truck that was traveling along the roadway lost control and collided with a passenger car that was traveling in the opposite direction. A third car was unable to stop in time and also collided with the other two vehicles.

The sheriff's office said the driver and several passengers inside the second vehicle were all transported to local hospitals with injuries. One person is said to be in serious condition at this time. The truck driver and those inside the third vehicle were not injured.

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Community Events

EVENTS TO WATCH FOR!

Old Jail Museum – Holiday Hours: Fri., Dec. 26 & Sat., Dec. 27' 2025, 10am-4pm.

Tues., Dec. 2, 2025, 6-8pm: Fun with Improv! Allegan District Library Hubbard St. Allegan

Thurs., Dec. 4 – Sun, Dec. 7, 2025: Festival of Trees at Camp Kidwell. Go to campkidwell.org to begin online auction.

Fri., Dec. 5, 2025, 5-8pm: Festive Friday – Holiday Parade. Downtown Allegan

Sat., Dec. 6, 2025, all day: Fennville Holiday Celebration

Sat., Dec. 6, 2025, 8:30am-12:30pm: Allegan United Methodist Church Bazaar. Allegan United Methodist Church

Sat., Dec. 6, 2025, 9am-1pm – Santa Shop, Good Shepherd Church, 101 N. Walnut St. All items $2 and under.

Sat., Dec. 6, 2025, 9am-3pm: Christmas Market at the Manor Robinson Manor 701 Marshall St.

Sat., Dec. 6, 2025, 9am-3pm – Holiday Bazaar, Church of God, 1313 Marshall St.

Sat., Dec. 6, 2025, 4:15-5:15pm– Holiday Floral, 118 Locust St.

Sat., Dec. 6, 2025, 5pm: Wayland Snow Fest

Sat., Dec. 6, 2025, 5-7pm, Lee Township Holiday Social. Sign up at https://www.zeffy.com/.../lee-township-holiday-social--2025

Sat., Dec. 6, 2025, 6:30pm: Christmas Music Program. First Presbyterian Church 200 Cutler St. Allegan

Sun., Dec. 7, 2025, 11am-4pm: Festival of Trees Last change. Camp Kidwell, 39000 1st Ave., Bloomingdale

CURRENT EVENTS

Wed., Dec. 3, 2025: Library Fun
Allegan District Library Hubbard St. Allegan

6pm: Pintesting: Alcohol Ink Ornaments – Craft, chat and enjoy. Register at 269 673-4625

6pm: Holiday Pajama Storytime – Come in comfy PJs and a stuffy to enjoy an evening of Storytime.

Thurs., Dec. 4, 2025, Noon-8pm: Festival of Trees Kickoff
Camp Kidwell, 39000 1st Ave., Bloomingdale
Enjoy the opening remembrance ceremony and the first look at the beautiful trees.

Thurs., Dec. 4, 2025, 1-3pm: Poppies
Brave Art Studios 1873 Lincoln Rd, Allegan
Learn to paint poppies. Go to https://www.paypal.me/braveartcarr to register and pay

Thurs., Dec. 4, 2025, 5pm: Holiday After Hours
The LYNX Golf Course 900 Lincoln Rd. Otsego
Enjoy an evening with other members of area Chamber of Commerce groups with wonderful food, beverages, entertainment, games, and silent auction.

Thurs., Dec. 4, 2025, 6:30pm: Music Bingo Thursdays
Tantrick Brewing Co. Hubbard St. Allegan
Come and join the fun!

Fri., Dec. 5, 2025, Noon-9pm: Festival of Trees Soup & Sandwich Day
Camp Kidwell, 39000 1st Ave., Bloomingdale
Enjoy the lunch or dinner, stroll around the cabins and look at the beautiful trees, wreaths and holiday decor then begin bidding on your favorites.

Fri., Dec. 5, 2025, 5-8pm: Festive Friday – Holiday Parade
Downtown Allegan will begin with a free movie at 4pm at the Regent Theater and open the streets for the Holiday Parade at 7pm.

Sat., Dec. 6, 2025, 8:30am-12:30pm: Allegan United Methodist Church Bazaar
United Methodist Church 409 Trowbridge St. Allegan
Start the day with hot coffee and fresh baked cinnamon rolls, shop the large variety of baked goods and the craft tables, visit the treasure room for secondhand items, and stop at the soup station for a bowl of soup. Info: call (269) 673-4236.

Sat., Dec. 6, 2025, 9am-1pm – Santa Shop, Good Shepherd Church, 101 N. Walnut St. All items $2 and under. Gift wrapping is free.

Sat., Dec. 6, 2025, all day: Fennville Holiday Celebration
Start the season with reindeer, sending letters to the North Pole, meeting Santa and holiday arts and crafts.

Sat., Dec. 6, 2025, 9am-3pm: Christmas Market at the Manor
Robinson Manor 701 Marshall St. Allegan
Come shop with local artists, crafters, and vendors throughout the decorated Manor! Shop for those last minute Christmas gifts, or something for yourself. Bring the kids as Santa plans to be there. Free entry.

Sat., Dec. 6, 2025, 9am-3pm – Holiday Bazaar, Church of God, 1313 Marshall St. Shop the homemade crafts, baked goods and more.

Sat., Dec. 6, 2025, 10am-3pm: Festival of Trees Cookies with Mrs. Claus
Camp Kidwell, 39000 1st Ave., Bloomingdale
Enjoy the lunch and decorating cookies, stroll around the cabins and look at the beautiful trees, wreaths and holiday decor then begin bidding on your favorites.

6pm: Social, dinner and auction. Tickets required.

Sat., Dec. 6, 2025, 4:15-5:15pm– Holiday Floral, 118 Locust St. – Reserve a spot to make a Holiday Centerpiece by calling 269-355-1953 during normal business hours.

Sat., Dec. 6, 2025, 5pm: Wayland Snow Fest
Downtown Wayland 103 S. Main St. Wayland
Enjoy music, food, activities, a live nativity, & the lighting of the tree at 7pm

Sat., Dec. 6, 2025, 5-7pm, Lee Township Holiday Social. Sign up at https://www.zeffy.com/.../lee-township-holiday-social--2025 to enjoy a free hot holiday pot luck dinner in a heated tent, kids 12 and under can visit with Sants, and marvel at the lovely trees.

Sat., Dec. 6, 2025, 6:30pm: Christmas Music Program
First Presbyterian Church 200 Cutler St. Allegan
Phil Siegler will be at the grand piano with beautifully arranged seasonal songs, a guest soloist, choir performance, and singalong of Christmas carols. Get the spirit of Christmas.

Sun., Dec. 7, 2025, 11am-4pm: Festival of Trees Last change
Camp Kidwell, 39000 1st Ave., Bloomingdale
Finish browsing and bidding, eat lunch or dinner, and see what you won.

Sun., Dec. 7 & Mon., Dec. 8, 2025, 6:30-9pm: Heroes & Scoundrels auditions
Griswold Auditorium Hubbard St. Allegan
Join Spike Kunetz to audition for his latest play. This is a provocative collection of 7 short plays that challenge conventional notions of heroism and villainy. No sign up is required. For more details: https://www.allegancommunityplayers.org/auditions

Mon., Dec. 8, 2025: Library Fun
Allegan District Library Hubbard St. Allegan

3:30pm: Sing Song Family Yoga – Deb combines yoga, music & literacy with hands-on experiences for kids and caregivers.

6pm: Elderberry Syrup & Mocktails - Join Haley Terpstra, owner of Herbal Meadows Botanicals, to learn how to make Elderberry Syrup!

Tues., Dec. 9, 2025: Library Fun
Allegan District Library Hubbard St. Allegan

10:30am: Santa at Storytime. Ages 0-7 can enjoy stories and Santa.

6:30pm: Book Club – *Small Things Like These*. Enjoy great books and conversation around *Small Things Like These* by Claire Keegan.

Tues., Dec. 9, noon-6pm: Red Cross Blood Drive
Church of God 112 Kalamazoo St. Otsego
Schedule at https://www.redcrossblood.org/ or drop in to assist with blood, platelets, blood cells, and more.

Tues., Dec. 9, 2025, 12:30-2pm: Grief Support
United Methodist Church, 322 Maple St., Hopkins
Wings of Hope will help guide participants through trying times.

Tues., Dec. 9, 2025, 5-7pm: Rossman Park & Downtown Updates
Allegan City Hall Trowbridge St. Allegan
All are invited to review plans and share ideas for the Rossman Park Neighborhood Project and the downtown street projects.

Wed., Dec. 10, 2025, 3:30pm: Teen Cookie Decorating
Allegan District Library Hubbard, Allegan
Students in grades 6-12 can enjoy a sweet treat and friends. Register at 269 673-4625.

Thurs., Dec. 11, 2025, 3:30pm: Santa at Storytime
Allegan District Library Hubbard St. Allegan
Ages 0-7 can enjoy storytime with Santa.

Thurs., Dec. 11, 2025, 7-8pm: Allegan Jaycee GMM
Sassy Olive Locust St. Allegan
A young professional organization of people 18-40 that provides developmental opportunities to create positive change.

Fri., Dec. 12, 2025, 5-7pm: Hour of AI
Glenn Public School 1392 Adams Rd., Glenn
5-6pm will be dinner at the church, the from 6-7pm, have fun with AI, coding, and robotics. For more information, go to HourofAI.org.

Fri., Dec. 12, 2025, 4-8pm: Christmas Market
First Presbyterian Church 200 Cutler St. Allegan
Shop and enjoy live music, food and gifts.

Fri., Dec. 12, 2025, 5-8pm: Festive Friday – Art Hop
Downtown Allegan will begin with a free movie at 4pm at the Regent Theater and open the doors of businesses to host artists.

Fri., Dec. 12, 2025, 5pm: Santa & his Reindeer
Allegan District Library Hubbard St. Allegan
Visit the library to meet Santa and his reindeer plus grab some hot chocolate.

Fri., Dec. 12, 2025, 5-8pm: Council Member Coffee Council
City Hall Trowbridge St. Allegan
Come, have hot chocolate, and share ideas with city council members.

Sun., Dec. 14, 2025, 4-8pm: Tantrick Mug Club Holiday Party
Tantrick Brewing So. Hubbard St. Allegan
Celebrate the holidays!

Sun., Dec. 14, 2025, 6pm: Carols by Candlelight
Allegan United Methodist Church, 409 Trowbridge St., Allegan
Join a night of music and story with a free will offering to benefit the Community Assistance Discretionary Fund.

Mon., Dec. 15, 2025, Library Fun
Allegan District Library Hubbard St. Allegan

Take-N-Make Crafts begin – Come and grab a craft to take home and make.

6pm: Craftastic: Snow Globe Shaker Holiday Cards – Make a cool craft to take home. Register at 269 673-4625.

ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES

ASSISTANCE

Adventist Community Service Center
218 S. Farmer St. Otsego Tues. 10am-4pm; Thurs. 1-5pm
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Allegan County Community Action - Assistance for daily living
23 Water Street, Allegan, MI 49010, www.communityactionallegan.org, (269) 673-5472
Food, weatherization, early childhood education.

Allegan Homeless Solutions - Helping eliminate barriers to housing.
108 Grant St., Plainwell MI 49080
www.alleganhomelesssolutions.org, Email: info@alleganhomelesssolutions.org

The Arc of Allegan County - Advocates for people with disabilities
219 Hubbard Street, Allegan 269 673-8841
Mission to advocate for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in the community.

Baby Closet – Newborn Clothing and Supplies
Diaper Closet – monthly diaper program
Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, 101 N. Walnut Street Allegan
Call 269 673-2254 and leave a message.

Christian Neighbors - Food, Education, Emergency Financial Assistance
282 12th Street Plainwell MI 49080 (269) 685-4166
Monday: Drive-thru only - 10am-12pm and 4pm-6pm.
Tuesday: In person shopping/walk ins - 10am-12pm
Thursday: In person shopping/walk ins - 2pm-5pm
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Grief Support Groups
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Interfaith Sunday Services
Mothers Trust is a nonprofit that is offering inclusive, interfaith worship services open to all Sundays at 11am at 6676 122nd Ave. Fennville. Information: Megan Hybels 269 312-0369, megan_h@motherstrust.org

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People Helping People of Pullman
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Safe Harbor Children's Advocacy Center - Abuse Prevention and Healing
404 Sherman St., Allegan, MI 49010 www.safeharborcac.org, (269) 673-3791

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United Church of Wayland - Free Clothing
1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month, 4 - 6pm
411 E Superior St. in Wayland

Wings of Hope Hospice & Palliative Care - End of Life Care
530 Linn Street, Allegan, MI 49010, www.wingsofhopehospice.com, (269) 686-8659

FOOD

Allegan Food Pantry
Church of God, 1313 Lincoln Rd., Allegan
Monday: 10 am–1pm; Tues.: 2–7pm; Fri. 1-4pm Curbside Service
Contact: Phone: 269 686-6369
Deliveries are made to homebound senior citizens.

Christian Neighbors, SE
282 12th St. Plainwell 269 685-4166

Christian Neighbors, Wayland
122 Church St. Wayland 269 792-2870

Congregational Kitchen - Thursday Dinner Pickup
Congregational Church 325 Cutler Street Allegan
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Epiphany Lutheran Church
4219 Park Land Dorr 616 681-0791

Food Truck - 3rd Friday of each month, 4:30 - 5:30pm
United Church of Wayland
411 E Superior St. in Wayland

The Hands of Grace Food Pantry
United Methodist Church, 409 Trowbridge St., Allegan 269 673-4236
Tuesday: 9-11:45 a.m.; Wednesday: 9-11:45 a.m. and 5-7 p.m.; Friday: 10-11:45 a.m.
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Hopkins United Methodist Church
322 Maple St. Hopkins
269 793-7340

Hungry for Christ
4565 135th Ave. Hamilton, 269 264-1307 x1000

Ladders of Hope USA - Food Assistance
717 East Main St, Fennville, MI 49408, www.laddersofhopemi.org., 269-686-6456

Martin Area Resource Center
1445 10th St, Martin (269) 672-5605
No appointment needed. Pick up by one person per household.

Martin United Methodist Church
969 E. Allegan St. Martin 269 672-7097

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Allegan County Historical Society, Old Jail Museum.
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Email: oldjailmuseum06@yahoo.com Webpage: www.alleganoldjail.com

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Blessed Sacrament Church 110 Cedar St. Allegan
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Rivertown Gym & Fitness, 739 Airway Dr. Allegan. Check on the Core and More class. Call Todd at 269 686-7900 or email rivertowngym@gmail.com for additional information.

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Why America needs controlled borders, not open ones

MIKE'S MUSINGS

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The debate over America's border policies often gets tangled in national politics, angry cable-news segments, and social-media shouting. But beneath all that noise, the issue comes down to something our readers in Allegan, Clare, Van Buren, St. Joseph, Calhoun, Jackson and the communities we cover understand very clearly: a nation—just like a town, a home, or a business—cannot function without clear rules, enforced boundaries, and a plan for who enters.

Yet some political voices are pushing for open borders, or policies that come dangerously close to them. They argue that the United States should allow anyone from anywhere to come in freely, without limits. It may sound compassionate. It may make for a tidy slogan on a protest sign. But it is not practical, sustainable, or fair to the communities that end up bearing the burden.

Let's be honest: even today, with borders now controlled, many towns and cities are overwhelmed because of the migrants allowed in during the previous administration. Major urban areas—New York, Chicago, Denver—are already scrambling to find housing, schooling, and medical care for the millions of migrants that passed through our borders. These aren't wealthy municipalities with unlimited budgets; their cities now cutting other services to make room for immigration-related needs.

If large cities with billions in resources are struggling, imagine the strain on smaller Midwestern counties like ours. We operate on thin margins. Local schools depend on millages. Hospitals in rural Michigan aren't exactly swimming in extra beds, staff, or dollars. When the federal government fails to manage the border, it's towns like ours that end up dealing with the consequences—without the funding to do so.

Controlled borders are not about shutting the door. They are about managing the flow so communities, charities, schools, and law enforcement can keep up. It's about making sure that immigration works for everyone, not just for those who cross the border but for the taxpayers asked to support them.

There's also a basic issue of fairness. Millions of people immigrate legally, filling out paperwork, waiting years for approval, and going through background checks. That process reflects America's values: order, opportunity, fairness, and respect for the law. It is a long, arduous process, but one that has worked for decades. But when illegal entry becomes commonplace—or worse, when it becomes tolerated—those who follow the rules are treated as fools for bothering.

Then there's the impact on wages and local job markets. We're often told immigrants do jobs "Americans won't do." The truth is more complicated. Americans will do those jobs when employers offer fair wages. But if industries can rely on an endless stream of low-wage labor crossing the border illegally, the pressure to raise wages evaporates. That hurts every working family, immigrant and American alike.

Controlled borders protect workers by keeping wages honest.

Most importantly, border security is a matter of national safety. We check IDs to enter a high school gymnasium. We require driver's licenses at traffic stops. We enforce rules at courthouses, airports, and even small-town festivals. Yet some believe the border of the United States—the very line that separates us from the rest of the world—should be the one place where rules don't apply.

That defies common sense.

America can remain a generous, welcoming country. We always have been. But generosity without limits isn't generosity at all—it becomes chaos. One only has to look across the Atlantic to Sweden, Belgium or other EU nations that are rapidly approaching chaos because of their border policies. A stable nation can accept newcomers only at a pace it can absorb, and only when it knows who is entering and why.

Controlled borders are not anti-immigrant. They are pro-stability, pro-community, and pro-America. They protect our towns, our budgets, our workers, and our national integrity. If we want immigration to succeed, if we want newcomers to thrive—we must manage it, not surrender to it.

The path forward is simple: secure the borders, enforce the rules, and welcome people at a sustainable, lawful pace. That's not cruel. That's responsible. And it's what this country needs right now.

Life as Performance Art

G CORWIN STOPPEL

The other day I ran into a longtime friend I haven't seen for the better part of the year, even though we live less than a mile apart.

We quickly caught up, exchanged news and realized we are both appalled by a huge challenge looming on the horizon and closing in fast. The time has come to start downsizing.

There are two schools of thought to downsizing one's inventory. The first: think like a cat and ease into it gradually, sniff with disdain at your stuff, then decide to postpone it indefinitely. Should we fall off our perch before we get started, don't our now-adult former little tax exemptions deserve some payback for being expensive yet thoroughly rotten teenagers?

The second is to adopt the Swedish Death Cleaning philosophy: a severe and radical purging of anything you are not likely to need between now and when the undertaker rounds up six pallbearers. It is ruthless, brutal and minimalist, but remember, these Scandihoovians are descendants of Vikings, who were that way too.

We all know we have too much stuff, or inventory as I prefer to call it. Sooner or later the deed must be done, and it's not pleasant. I know some people rub their hands in glee and, with dollar signs in their eyes, start planning a garage sale sometime in the spring. No thank you.

It's not that I am too lazy to carry out loads of inventory. The laziness part comes later when something has to be done with the remains of the sale, whether it is carried back inside or hauled to a thrift shop.

No, the real ugly part of a garage sale is seeing a former important part of our life get haggled down from 50 cents to two bits. Even that is not as trying as watching a piece of your history disappear down the sidewalk.

As an example: Those old hand-painted silk ties you haven't worn since Reagan was in the White House, and you will never wear again until the undertaker asks about one for the open-casket visitation.

Those are not just colored cloth that went around your neck! They remain a tangible reminder of when you were a somebody, a regular captain of industry.

Back in the olden days you had to wear a tie to work. It was company policy and you hated it. Now you hate it all the more knowing your ties will soon be gone forever.

No young offspring will roll their eyes in horror and tease you about how doofy a tie looks, or how sharp you felt when you saw how you tied Windsor knot to practiced perfection. With it comes the hideous reminder that you will soon be gone forever too.

It is painful to accept the rejection from your children and their tax exemptions that they do not want your Royal Dolton China or the cut crystal glass. You think you got problems getting rid of the stuff? I have three full sets of each.

The silver tea service that once graced your table, the one you are convinced would look so nice in their house, nobody wants. They don't see grace and elegance, just a lot of time wasted polishing it when they could be playing video games. Warning: if they pull out their devices during this conversation it is probably to check the silver futures to determine whether it is worth taking home.

Then there are the books. Some we never looked at; others were childhood favorites that we read time and again. For us, those books are stories that have not yet been read, and they are important to us. A few contain passages we have memorized. The next generation probably sees them as dust collectors. Besides, everything is online today.

Do you know what happens to books no one wants? Sometimes we think we are being generous by taking them a book sale or a thrift store. If they can't foist them off on someone, the day comes when they end up in a big packing container on a palette. When enough of them are filled they get sent off to a processing plant.

Paperbacks go straight into the grinder; hardback books have their covers ripped off and thrown aside; the contents go into the grinder, eventually liquid is added to make a slurry, and the concoction becomes tomorrow's newspaper. Or worse, your treasured books are now toilet paper.

It is sad to see treasured items seemingly evaporate. A sign in the front window of a shop in Douglas has the message: "Unless it has a fascinating back story, we're not interested." Unfortunately, there just are not enough fascinating back-stories for everyone's treasures and icons.

Anyway, my friend and I talked about this for a while and, when we were morbid enough, said we had to get going. Even though we are now officially in The Olds demographics, we still had important things to do. Mine was to pull out my pipe and go for a walk to shake off our exchange of laments.

That's when I came up with the greatest idea of all time. The hardest part of getting of letting go of stuff is that with each piece, we are letting go a little of our history and ourselves. It is as if part of us simple evaporates. We know we won't physically live forever, but via our inventory we will be remembered by those who come after us.

If we are lucky, whoever gets the old O-27 Lionel model railroad will mention your name. Or, one of your friends from your afternoon tea group who gets the good China will recall times together, and tell the tale of how someone would slip a bump of whiskey into her cup. But that's about it, and in another generation even that story is lost.

Here is the answer: When time comes to downsize and say your final farewells to anything that has a fascinating back story, look at it, hold it, inhale its scent and remember back to when you got or used it. Then, set it down and say goodbye to it.

Immediately make a point of writing a paragraph or two in a computer file you can call "Once Upon a Time." If you don't want to do it on your computer, then push a pen on paper. Just know it takes longer.

Your fascinating back story can include anything you like. It's your story.

Here's an example: On my desk is a black acrylic falcon I bought when Pat and I went to Egypt. No, it is not a replica of the Maltese Falcon, but the great god Horus of ancient dynasty. In a yard sale I might get a quarter for it. The real value is that fascinating story.

Write about every object you are culling from your inventory, and why it was meaningful to you. Save it, but for heaven's sake, print it. Put it in a three-ring binder with a label on the cover and cover letter inside.

Maybe, some day in the future when you have taken up residence at Happy Vale Nursing Home where an aide named Bambi, she of the piercings, tattoos and multi-colored hair, is wiping apple puree off your chin, you can ask someone to read the stories. And you will remember, for memories outlast stuff. They are the most important of all.

Later, the younger generation can read about your stuff, but they won't be reading about inventory. They'll be reading about and remembering you. At the end of the day, that is what we all want — to be remembered.

Just be sure to clearly mark the notebook and leave it where heirs will find it.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

National Guard shootings bound to happen

Editor,

I grieve for the members of the National Guard who were shot in Washington, DC.

Everyone hoped it wouldn't happen even though it was a setup to happen. If it wasn't DC, it could have just as easily been Los Angeles, Chicago, Memphis or Portland or any other Democratic aligned city where out-of-state troops were deployed where they were neither needed nor asked for.

For a historical perspective think of King George sending troops to occupy Boston after the Tea Party.

The National Guard in DC was never about crime and safety just like the Tea Party wasn't about tea.

It was always about intimidation and control and the National Guard like the British troops before them were the intentional pawns.

This was underlined by Trump's response to DC: If you don't like the troops in your city I'll send 500 more.

I only wish he would spend as much time trying to bring peace to our country as he does trying to bring peace to Russia and Ukraine.

Then he might be a candidate for that peace prize he's been drooling over.

David Ohmart
Allegan.

Putin, Netanyahu, Trump ...what destiny awaits?

Dear Editor:

Nicholas Kristof, New York Times columnist, has reported that near total elimination of USAID funds have (already) resulted in the deaths of over 400,000 children/infants by starvation and by discontinuing vaccination programs (adding future deaths). Many of these precious products had been properly warehoused, ready for distribution but subsequently destroyed by orders from the White House. Mr. Musk's DOGE group counted near total elimination of USAID as a no-brainer in reducing government "waste". This is just a single example of arbitrary and cruel cuts throughout government that cost lives by purposefully destroying longstanding programs beneficial to all.

Trump's elimination of the independent GAO (Government Accounting Office) whose sole function was to oversee/investigate waste, fraud and abuse thereby saving taxpayers billions annually. Trump's message "I will use taxpayer money as I choose".

Blowing-up boats and survivors in the water, masked soldiers detaining/jailing people on the street without due process much less with bothering with an explanation has brought fear, distrust and disgust to informed Americans. Have we become "a lawless authoritarian country"? What else can it be called?

One thing is sure. For me, this took awhile to understand. Trump and his cohort, which include not only MAGA, but many super rich, educated elites, and "christian" nationalists, clearly reject our Democracy. They see America's future rule as a technocratic, aristocratic, white nation resembling life under the privileged ruling class of 18th century Western Europe. Gone, the very individualistic essence of the American spirit. And the hopes as inscribed on our Statue of Liberty …"give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breath free …

Will there be a 21st century style Nuremberg Trial where our modern day monsters will be called to justice, Putin, Netanyahu, and Trump responsible for the deaths of tens of thousands of innocents? Hopefully. Have we had enough of Trump? His endless lies, overt corruption, cruelty, and most tragically, the loss of our international friends and allies who have trusted in the shared freedoms, partnership, and goodness of America.

U.S. vacationers may benefit. U.S. travel bureaus report overseas travelers, mostly vacationers, are down about 9% ($25-30 billion) since Trump's return versus an expected increase of a similar amount.

Can the America we love become a greater, more powerful, free and decent country again? Yes! We must reject, as our Constitution has granted us, the right to freely choose our leaders. Be clear. Vote against any and all members of Mr. Trump's party.

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Downtown Allegan businesses offered deals on Small Business Saturday

By Gari Voss

The weather report was for snow beginning in the afternoon, so the brave of heart set about their Small Business Saturday shopping early on November 29, 2025. From one end of Downtown Allegan to the other, shops held treasures for the discerning eye.

Allegan's shops welcomed customers looking for gifts for special people and maybe one or two for themselves from Tardy's Underground Comics & Collectibles down Trowbridge Street to Just a Second then around on Locust Street to Sassy Olive, the Shoppes at Penney's - Allegan Floral, Rebellious Rose and Sharon's Quilts & More, Lacey's Nail Studio, Something Sweet for You, Aubrey's Closet, down Brady to the Bear & Fox Yarn Den and across the street to the Merry Marketplace – Eccentric Garden, Essenburg Arts, and Bound & Boarded plus pop-ups Strings & Sparkle, Lavender Moon Garden & Studio and author Cecilia Garcia, forging ahead down Water Street to Baker Art Studios and Old Yarn Mill, finishing up Hubbard Street to Pretty Pink Tingz, Cottage Arts & Eats and on to A-Tech.

Even though some shoppers decided to stay cuddled up in their homes, those who did venture out found specials such as Just a Second's 75% off sale. The beauty is that the shops in Allegan will be open every day except Sunday, so those who may have missed Small Business Saturday can frequent the local shops anytime.

Gift seekers who like to do-it-yourself can check out the classes at Essenburg Arts by going online to Essenburg.arts@gmail.com or calling 269 685-7524 or checking their Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/essenburg.arts/ for the list of happenings. There are also classes at Cottage Arts & Eats so check https://cottageartsandeats.com/classes-and-workshops/. Check the offerings at Baker Allegan Studios and Old Mill Yarn http://www.bakerallegan studios.com/. Don't forget the classes and drop in sessions at the Bear & Fox Yarn Den https://www.thebearandfoxyarnden.com/ to see what is knitting and crocheting.

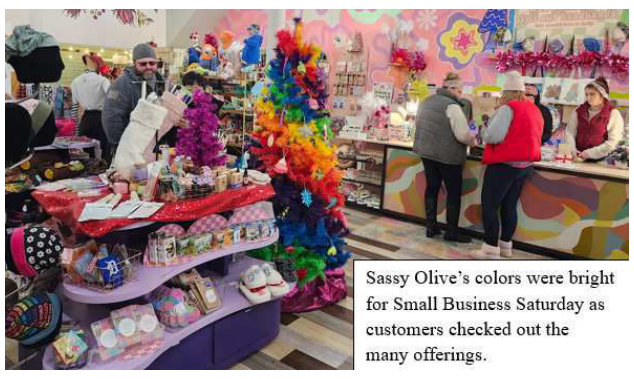
Allegan's Downtown merchants welcome all and are gearing up for Festive Fridays that begin Friday, December 5, 2025.

Allegan Floral offered many gifts along with live and fresh cut plant arrangements.

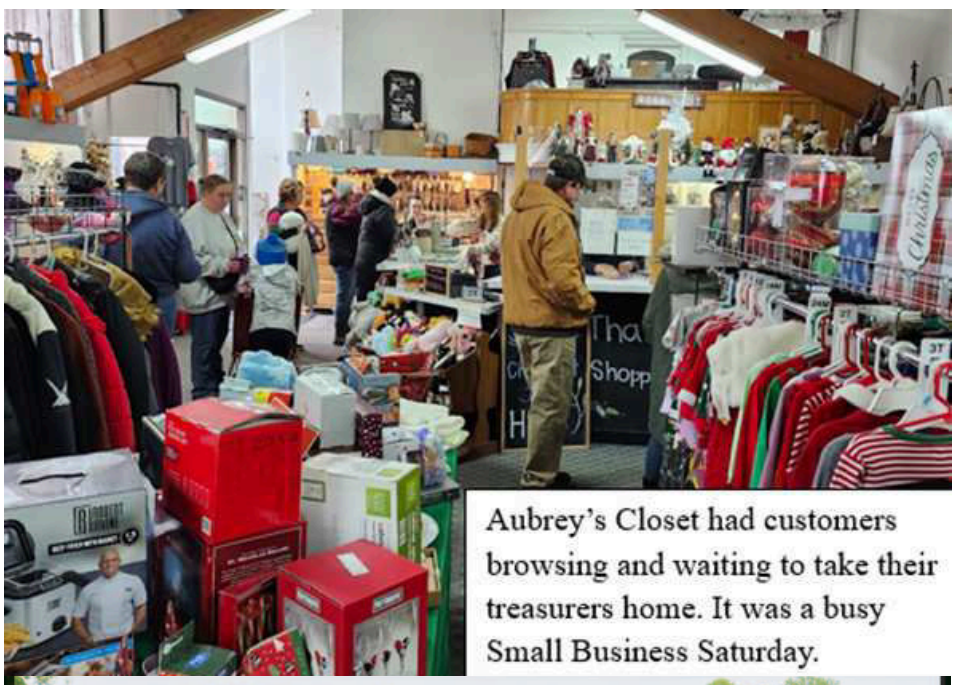
Lacey's Nail Studio offered shoppers more than a manicure and a massage.

Essenburg Arts has settled in at the Brady Street Merry Marketplace with beautiful ceramics and pottery lessons.

Author Cecilia Garcia and Lavender Moon Garden & Studio shared the hall at the Brady Street Merry Marketplace for Small Business Saturday.


Sassy Olive's colors were bright for Small Business Saturday as customers checked out the many offerings.

Beth Eldred of Strings & Sparkle brought her macrame and more to the Brady Street Merry Market for Small Business Saturday.


Aubrey's Closet had customers browsing and waiting to take their treasurers home. It was a busy Small Business Saturday.

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Douglas agrees to sell former hall

By Scott Sullivan
Writer

Douglas City Council, newly ensconced its 415 Wiley Road municipal complex, voted Monday to sell its old city hall at 86 W. Center St. to David Isljamovski and Joseph Wise for $515,000 cash.

"Joseph will be a silent partner," said Islamjovski, a Century 21 Realtor who lives in Saugatuck with husband Chad Dupont, head of the Sans Soucie Hospitality property management firm.

"Chad and I will be the face of what we plan to call 'The Dutcher,' hosting a six-room Dutcher Hotel, the Village Hall martini and wine bar, and event space in the old city hall meeting room," he said.

"Bear in mind none of this is final yet. We still have inspections, deed, title and more work to attend to. What council did Monday is approve selling it. If all goes to plan as is our intent, we hope to close on Dec. 31," Isljamovski said.

The sale includes a deed restriction prohibiting demolition of the now-abandoned 150-year-old former Dutcher Lodge, a registered Michigan Historic Site, and requiring the exterior be kept in a manner consistent with its historic appearance.

It is subject to recording of an ingress/egress easement benefiting the adjacent 98 W. Center St. commercial/residential building. The mayor, city clerk or their designee are authorized to execute necessary documents.

The buyers' agent has chosen not to accept a commission, resulting in a savings of approximately $15,450 to the city.

Douglas council, which Monday held a ribbon-cutting for its newly-renovated municipal building, had for years looked to consolidate city hall, police and public works offices in one space that could host them.

City engineers in 2023 estimated the old city hall needed $1.4 million in renovations to meet modern standards. The one-story brick police station across the street at 47 W. Center had become overcrowded and lacked garage space for its vehicles.

Douglas Aug. 1, 2023 bought the 7.8-acre Wiley Road at Blue Star Highway commercial parcel, which rings the 18,000-square-foot one-story brick former hospital/Douglas Professional Building, for $1.5 million with plans to pay off its purchase and refurbishing via sale of now-surplus properties.

Recouping costs has gone apace, with the old hall (listed with Realtor Bernie Merkle for $599,000) one of the final pieces.

Last December, the city accepted a $225,000 bid to sell 9.59 acres, once eyed for a new public works site, at 291 66th St. Council agreed April 24 to sell its 1870s-built former church, most recently used by the Saugatuck-Douglas District Library, at 130 Center St. to Ox-Bow Art School for $430,000.

The city June 2 signed a nonbinding letter of intent with the Saugatuck Township Fire District to allow the latter to occupy the southern 5,200-square-foot portion of the Wiley building for an undisclosed sum as a second fire station.

In July Douglas sold the old police station building to Ufuk Turan for $452,000. Council also that month saw a deal to sell its old city hall for $650,000 wash out after would-be buyer Worth Strategies, LLC, voiced late concerns and sought to take a deeper dive into looking at the building.

The buyers have agreed to pay for all environmental assessments, with 10 days to review any reports following receipt. They will also pay for all physical inspections, with 20 days to report objections or defects.

The buyer will also receive 20 days to review title work provided by the seller and to review the boundary survey after receipt.

Douglas will pay for the boundary/stake survey and all special assessments on the property. Within seven days the city will provide copies of all documents relating to the operation of the property, after which buyers have 10 days to review them.

Otsego company purchases GR electronics manufacturer

An Otsego-based electronics manufacturer has acquired a plant in Grand Rapids that was previously set to close.

Earlier this year, Lacroix Electronics announced that it intended to close its plant at 1655 Michigan St. NE as part of a plan to move operations out of North America. More than 100 employees would have lost their jobs.

On Tuesday, Safari Circuits — a portfolio company of Waséyabek, the economic development company owned by the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi — announced it had acquired the plant, which will now be known as Safari Grand Rapids.

The sale was completed in September. Since then, Safari has seen increased customer demand, it said in a release. The company plans to maintain the plant's existing jobs, hire more than 20 new employees and invest $750,000 in new equipment, according to the release.

"We're thrilled to acquire this production facility and provide a new and brighter future for the 116 people at the plant who were slated to lose their jobs," said Craig Nelson, president of Safari Circuits, in a statement. "The similar production work performed at both plants made this a logical move that should lead to an increase in customer orders for both operations. We're fortunate to have had the support of the Waséyabek leadership team in assessing and executing this transaction."

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Allegan County's five-year Recreation Plan draft is available for public review and comment. The plan can be reviewed at the county's website www.allegancounty/org/parks or at the Parks, Recreation & Tourism office located in the County Services Building, 3283 122nd Avenue, Allegan, MI, 49010

The five-year Recreation Plan guides us on the decisions to be made over the next five years regarding the parks, campgrounds, and recreational land operated by Allegan County. This plan has to be submitted and accepted by the MDNR to be eligible for recreational grants

A public hearing for review and comment on the plan will be scheduled at a later date. Concerns and comments are encouraged and can be made at the Parks Advisory Board meetings or in writing to the Allegan County Parks Manager

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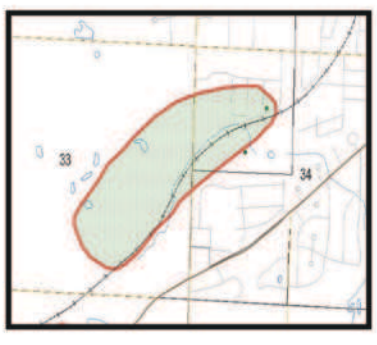
IMPORTANCE OF GROUNDWATER

In the United States, groundwater is the source of drinking water for half of the total population and 95% of the rural population. Groundwater is also used for raising livestock, agriculture, and industry. Within Michigan, approximately 50% of the population relies on groundwater to supply their drinking water needs. Community drinking water systems are at risk from many possible contamination sources and no community wants to face the loss of its drinking water.

In an effort to protect this valuable resource, the State of Michigan established the Michigan Wellhead Protection Program (WHPP). This program is a voluntary program for communities that use groundwater to supply their wells.

WHAT IS THE WELLHEAD PROTECTION PROGRAM?



First, it is important to determine the area which contributes groundwater to the public water wells. Communities will hire a consulting firm to do a thorough review of the groundwater that is supplying the drinking water wells. This study will determine how fast the groundwater is flowing and in what direction the groundwater is flowing. This area is called the **Wellhead Protection Area** (WHPA). An example of a WHPA is included. At the edge of this area, it would take ten years for contamination to reach the community wells. This is the area that communities will manage and protect. Steps to manage and protect this area include:

1. ESTABLISH A TEAM – Identify people that play an important role in groundwater protection. Examples: managers, water superintendents, zoning administrators, teachers, fire department officials, business leaders, farmers and residents.
2. CONTAMINANT SOURCE INVENTORY – Identify known and potential sites of contamination within the WHPA and include in a contaminant source inventory list and map.
3. MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES – Provide mechanisms that will reduce the risk of contamination. Examples: plugging abandoned wells and implementing zoning ordinances.
4. CONTINGENCY PLANNING – Develop a contingency plan in case of a water emergency.
5. PLAN FOR NEW WELLS – Provide information on existing groundwater availability, the need for new wells and the vulnerability of the existing wells to contamination.
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Allegan Tigers

BOYS BASKETBALL

December
1..... vs Comstock
2..... @ Potters House
5.....@ Bridgman
9.....vs Constantine
12..... vs Watervliet
16.....@ Gobles
19.....vs Coloma
January
9.....@ Fennville
13.....vs Hackett Catholic
16..... vs South Haven
20.....vs Galesburg augusta
23.....vs Bridgman
27.....vs Parchment
30..... @ Watervliet
February
3.....@ Lawton
6.....@ Coloma
10.....@ Black River
13.....vs Fennville
17.....@ Delton Kellogg
20..... @ South Haven

GIRLS BASKETBALL

December
12..... vs Watervliet
16..... vs Martin
19.....vs Coloma
January
6..... @ Potters House
9.....@ Fennville
13.....@ Delton Kellogg
14..... @ Dowagiac
16..... vs South Haven
20.....@ Gobles
22.....@ Bridgman
27.....@ Hopkins
30..... @ Watervliet
February
2.....vs Black River
3.....vs Hackett Catholic
6.....@ Coloma
10.....vs Galesburg Augusta
13.....vs Fennville
18.....@ Parchment
20..... @ South Haven
24.....vs Bridgman
26..... @ Schoolcraft

BOWLING

December
3.....@ Comstock
11.....vs Martin
13..... vs Gobles
18..... vs Coloma
January
7..... @ Parchment
8.....vs South Haven
14.....@ South Haven
15.....vs Saugatuck
22.....@ Martin
24.....@ Gobles
28..... @ Coloma
29.....vs Comstock
February
3.....@ Saugatuck
5..... vs Parchment
9.....@ Schoolcraft
11.....vs Niles

WRESTLING

December
3..... vs COloma
6.....Allegan SW Classic
10.....@ Fennville
13..... @ Coldwater
17..... @ Delton Kellogg
20.....@ martin
27..... @ Thornapple Kellogg
January
3..... @ West Catholic
7..... vs Gobles
9.....@ union
10..... @ Holland
14.....@ Schoolcraft
24.....@ portage Central
30..... @ Hamilton

SWIMMING

December
6.....@ Otsego
10..... @ Plainwell
16..... vs Sturgis
January
6.....@ Haper Creek
10..... @ Holland Christian
13.....vs Otsego
20.....@ South Haven
27.....@ Hastings
February
3.....vs Marshall
10..... @Plainwell

Fennville Blackhawks

BOYS BASKETBALL

November
26..... vs Bloomingdale
December
3.....@ Black River
6.....vs Coloma
9..... @ Saugatuck
12.....vs Bridgman
18..... vs River Vally
20..... vs South Haven
January
6.....@ Holton
10.....@ allegan
13..... vs Potters House
17..... @ Watervliet
20.....@ Lawrence
21..... @ Martin
24.....@ Coloma
27..... vs Eau Claire
31.....@ Bridgman
February
1..... vs Saugatuck
4.....@ Gobles
7..... @ South Haven
11.....@ Zion Christian
14..... vs Allegan
21..... vs Watervliet

GIRLS BASKETBALL

December
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Glenn Circle of Lights 2025

Winterfest comes to Felt Mansion this weekend

By Jim Hayden
Correspondent

The Laketown Township Parks and Recreation Commission approved a second season of winter indoor programs — featuring holiday fun, how to treat invasive plants, and herbs to use in the kitchen — Nov. 19.

Sessions started in November with a workshop on "Talking Sticks," an object traditionally used in Native American council circles to designate who had the right to speak.

• Winterfest Saturday, Dec. 6, at the Felt Estate, 6597 138th Ave. from 1 to 4 p.m. The free event will include visits with Santa and Mrs. Claus, reindeer, wagon rides and carolers. For more on Winterfest, visit laketowntwp.org.

• Allegan County Conservation District restoration coordinator Ari Henson, will lead a free presentation on the cut stump method of treating woody invasives Saturday Jan. 10, at 11 a.m. in the township hall, 4338 Beeline Road.

• Ben Savoie will lead a free presentation of oak wilt including the cause, prevention and how to prevent spread of this disease Feb. 10 at 1 p.m., location is to be announced.

• Andy Rozendaal, director of Eighth Day Farm in Holland, will lead a Kitchen Herb Garden presentation with suggestions for using the herbs in your cooking by Corey Mitchell from The Beard and The Gal. The date has not yet been set but it will be at the Carriage House at The Felt Estate, 6579 138th Ave. Rozendaal will bring herbs to demonstrate a small kitchen garden planter and gardening information for those who have more garden space.

The parks commission started its first winter programs in early 2025 with presentations including hands-only CPR, mushroom identification and butterfly gardens.

For more information on the programs, email parks commission member Mary Jo Bertolino at parks@laketowntwp.org.

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Saugatuck Trail-blazers

BOYS BASKETBALL

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5 ..... @ Galesburg-Augusta
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GIRLS BASKETBALL

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Wayland Wildcats

BOYS BASKETBALL

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Allegan County Transportation shares at Otsego meeting

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

Who says there are no public transportation options in Allegan County?

Representatives from Allegan County Transportation (ACT) dispelled that myth when Otsego City Manager Aaron Mitchell invited them to the Otsego City Commission meeting in November.

Operating from 5:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday and 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, ACT offers reservation-based transportation services throughout Allegan County, regardless of trip purpose.

Cost of a one-way trip is $2 for adults and children 13 and older and $1 for seniors over 60, persons with a disability and children ages five to 12. Children up to four years old are free with proper supervision.

"For years, I have been told that a major obstacle within Allegan County in relation to available services or the ability to attract housing developments or businesses is the struggle many have with finding adequate and available public transportation," Mitchell said. "After hearing from ACT at our meeting, it sounds like that is no longer the case."

To schedule a trip with ACT, individuals are asked to call (269) 673-4229 or (877) 788-2287 the day before travel is needed. Scheduling services are available on weekends until 5:30 p.m.

When called to schedule a trip, you should have the following information ready: name and address; destination; requested date and time of pickup and return rides; whether you need an accessible vehicle or assistance needs; date of birth (required for senior fare); and phone number.

Scheduling priority is:

* Priority One: Standing Orders/Subscription Trips—These are services, established in advance, same passenger, same time, and same origin. Based on availability; medical trips take precedence. Recurring or subscription trips for employment purposes for new passengers will be set up once the passenger has completed two weeks of travel with 1 or less no-shows.

* Priority Two: Reserved Trips—These rides are reserved before 12:00 noon the prior business day in advance of service needed. Best efforts will be made to schedule trips requested the day before travel is needed, but we recommend calling by noon to ensure availability.

* Priority Three: On Demand—Trips requested without advance notice; please call by noon the day before travel is needed to secure your spot on the next day's schedule. Trip requests after this cut-off time will still be entered but will only be scheduled based on availability.

Individuals who schedule trips through ACT are asked to be ready to go at the beginning of their pick-up window. When the bus arrives, the driver will wait five minutes for the rider to board.

Drivers are prohibited from leaving the vehicle unattended and cannot enter a residence, workplace or other facility. To ensure on-time performance with other scheduled trips, drivers are unable to wait for more than five minutes.

"They have ample vehicles and are almost always available to respond," Mitchell said. "There are limitations for anyone needing to travel out of the county, but I believe they have some agreements in place with other counties to provide service across county lines for medical appointments.

"They are also willing to provide rides to anyone in need for services at the Veteran Affairs buildings in Calhoun and Kent counties."

The representatives from ACT were asked to come to the Otsego Commission meeting as part of Mitchell's ongoing efforts to introduce residents to different non-profit organizations in the area.

"It has gone very well," Mitchell said of the non-profit visits. "I have learned a few things along the way and the City Commissioners have been excited to learn about a lot of services that they otherwise would not have encountered."

Otsego Community Ed. considers indoor cornhole

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

Looking for a new indoor activity to keep you busy during the cold, snowy winter months?

If so, then Otsego community education may have just the solution: cornhole.

OCE is currently exploring interest in a new adult cornhole league that would start in January.

Anyone interested in joining is asked to fill out the form (link below) by Monday, Dec. 15. If enough individuals express an interest in participating, those who completed the form will be contacted as details are finalized.

Registration can be done at https://tinyurl.com/cornholeinterestform.

The plan is for the league to be on Thursday nights at the Otsego Middle School cafeteria. The tentative start time is 6 p.m., but the final start time is dependent on the amount of players registered.

Each league session would run between six and eight weeks.

Fees are yet to be determined, but the Otsego community education department is hoping to set the cost between $50-65 for each session.

Here's an overview of how the league would work:

• Individual Registration: Players register on their own rather than joining as pre-formed teams.

• Switcholio Format: A Switcholio cornhole league uses a blind draw system where players receive a new partner each round, creating a more inclusive, social, and fun environment.

• Round-Robin Format: The tournament begins with a round-robin phase, giving every player the chance to compete against a variety of opponents while teaming up with different partners each round.

"We're excited about this possibility of adding a new adult rec opportunity," organizers said in a social media post. "We hope to see you there."

According to a 2022 survey conducted by Ipsos, a multinational market and consulting firm, cornhole is now the most played game in America. In gaining the top spot, cornhole surpassed bowling and swimming in popularity.

Reasons cited for the growth of cornhole include:

* Low Barrier to Entry: Easy-to-learn rules and minimal equipment requirements make it instantly accessible to all adults, regardless of athletic ability.

* Highly Social Activity: The game's leisurely pace encourages conversation and is an excellent social for parties, and casual gatherings.

* Accessible Competitiveness: Simple to learn but difficult to master, cornhole offers an engaging blend of casual fun and genuine competitive depth.

* Versatile and Portable: Boards can be set up almost anywhere—backyards, parks, event halls—making it a flexible entertainment option for any occasion.

* Structured League Play: The existence of organized local and national leagues provides a structured avenue for serious players seeking regular competition and community.

* Mainstream Popularity: Now most-played sport, cornhole has shed its niche image and become a widely accepted form of mainstream adult recreation.

Christian Neighbors seeks volunteer bell ringers

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

Christian Neighbors will be manning the Salvation Army bell ringing at the Plainwell Walmart.

Last year, Christian neighbors raised approximately $9000 through its Salvation Army bell ringing campaign.

This year, the hope is to match or surpass that total.

For that to happen, however, volunteers are needed to fill bell-ringing slots.

Christian neighbors is conducting its bell-ringing campaign the next two weekends: Friday, Dec. 5, and Saturday, Dec. 6, and again Friday, Dec. 12, and Saturday, Dec. 13.

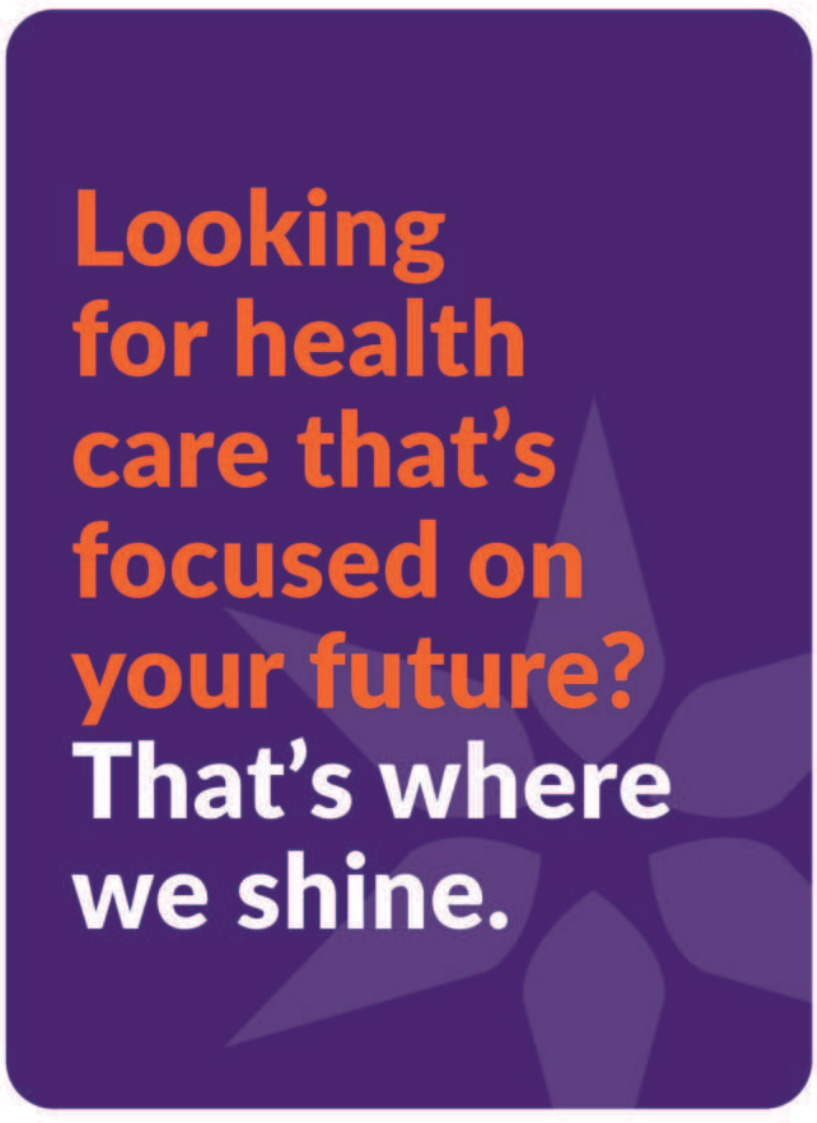
All days will take place at the Plainwell Walmart.

"We still have plenty of shifts that need volunteers for bell ringing at the Walmart in Plainwell," organizer said in a social media post. "We are in desperate need for (Friday, Dec. 5, and Saturday, Dec. 6)."

Bell-ringing shifts are two hours.

Through the partnership with the Salvation Army, all funds from this location are dispersed to Christian Neighbors to help local families in the Otsego, Plainwell and Martin areas from becoming homeless. The funds are delivered in the form of housing vouchers.

Those wishing to volunteer for a shift can do so at https://form.jotform.com/252995078513164.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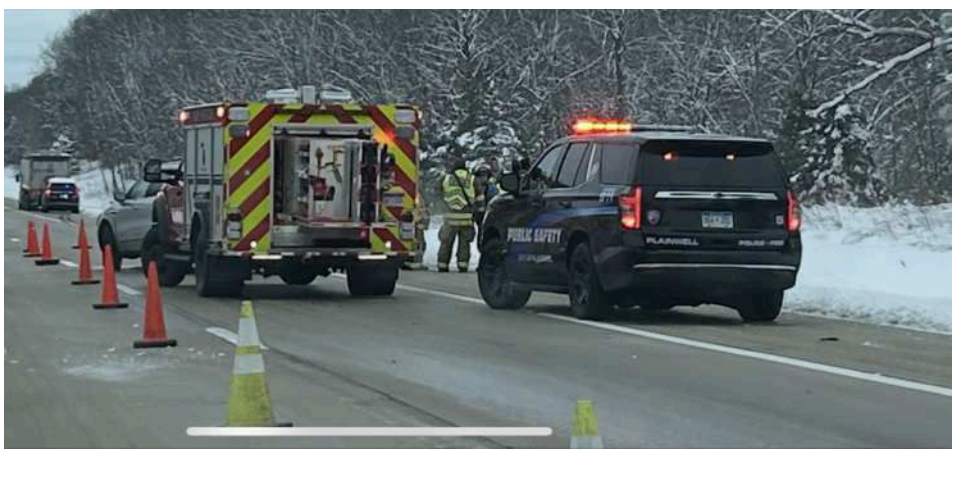
Winter weather has arrived

A snow storm that swept through the area on Saturday, Nov. 29, and Sunday, Nov. 30, left homeowners scrambling to dig out and made travel dangerous.

Even on Monday, Dec. 1, road conditions remained less than ideal in some places, as evidenced by this morning accident on US-131 north of Plainwell. (Photos by Caleb Wesseldyk)



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Boys Wrestling Season Preview:

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

ALLEGAN

The 2024-25 season was a special one for Allegan.

Under the guidance of former Tiger standout Chase Beard, Allegan won a state quarterfinal match for the first time in more than a decade before falling in the state semifinals.

The Tigers finished with a 31-3 record.

And with some key members of that team back again this year, Beard has high hopes for another strong showing in the new campaign.

"The goals and expectations I have for the team remain similar to those of last year," said Beard, who is entering his fifth season at the helm of his alma mater. "We hope to continue to see positive results while the team continues to grow in skill.

"I believe we should see a strong outcome in team results and more wrestlers on the individual podium in March."

A total of 10 wrestlers are back for the Tigers, with all of them having qualified for regionals last season and five of them having qualified for the individual State Finals.

Seniors Rysten Williams and Ryan Sparks headline that list after each placed at the Division 3 State Finals.

Williams was fifth in his weight class, while Sparks placed sixth.

The other state qualifiers were senior Treydan Vander Kooi, junior Jake Collier and sophomore Sully Morgan. Senior Ayden Oisten, juniors Cooper Prentice and Cesar Mendoza and sophomores Hudson Vander Kooi and Dylan Ritsema all qualified for regionals.

Newcomers who should see time at the varsity level include the junior duo of Hunter McKee and Trent Adrianson along with the freshmen tandem of Cullen Vander Kooi and Kaden Krusinga.

In addition to doing well at the state level, a goal for the Tigers is to win the SAC championship.

But doing so, Beard knows, will not be an easy task given the level of competition in the league.

"I believe the conference duals will be very exciting this year as our conference contains three other state-ranked teams: Martin, Constantine, and Gobles," he said.

Allegan has the highest pre-season ranking of those teams.

"The duals against the other state-ranked teams will make for some exciting nights where our team will have to perform smart to succeed," Beard said.

FENNVILLE

A new season brings with it excitement and optimism for most teams.

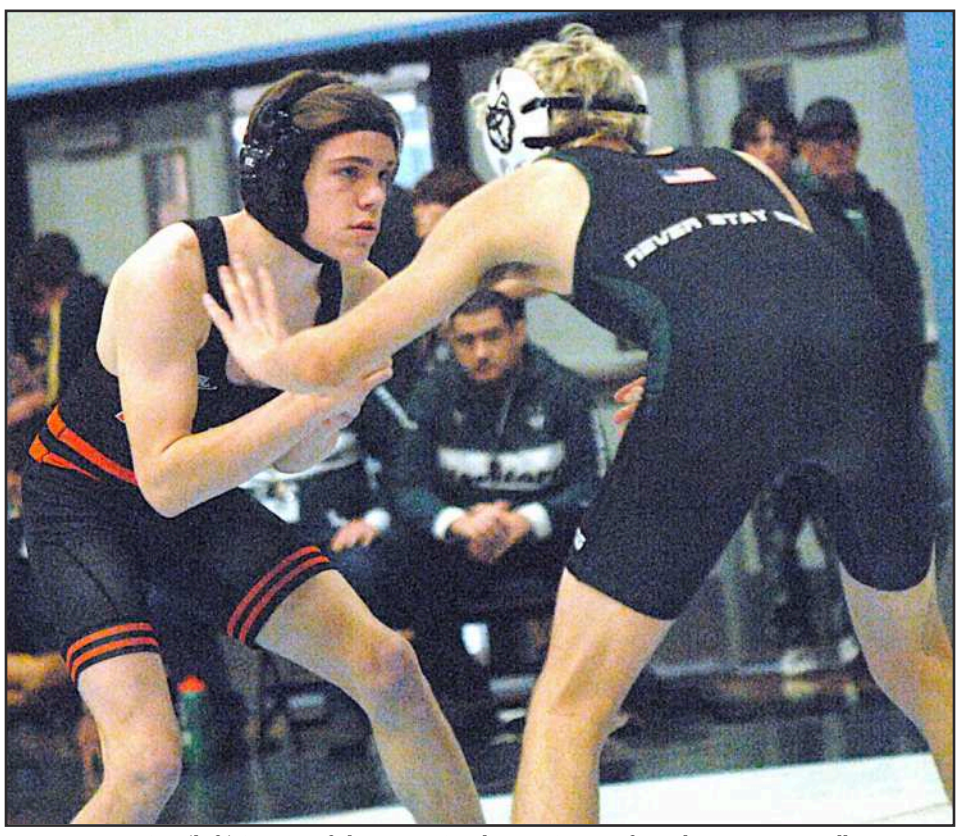
Fennville is no exception.

As the Blackhawks prepare for the 2025-26 season, longtime coach—and former Blackhawk wrestler—Steve Fries is looking forward to the possibility of what's to come.

"We're very excited for this season," Fries said.

Much of that excitement revolves around a group of newcomers who are hoping to make an impact for Fennville.

"We have lots of new faces, with is great," Fries said. "All of them are solid athletes and we are excited about their growth and the potential they have."



Cooper Prentice (left) is one of the returning letterwinners from last season's Allegan team that was a state semifinalist in Division 3. (File photo)

Many of those newcomers are freshmen, including the likes of Kolton Hagger (157 pounds), Benett Maccune (175/190) and Anthony Mullins (190/215).

"This is a good group of freshmen for us this year," Fries said. "Many of them have a few years of experience on the mats already, so that should help with the learning curve."

Returning wrestlers include senior Luis Vanquez at 150, junior Gabbie Vanstaalduinen at 170 and junior Ryleigh Wilson at 110.

"It should be a fun group to watch this year," Fries said.

HAMILTON

The 2025-26 season will make the fourth at the helm for Hamilton coach (and former Hawkeye grappler) Trenton Holyfield.

To say his first three seasons have been successful would be an understatement.

In his first three campaigns, Holyfield has led Hamilton to a 91-8 dual record that includes three district titles and two conference titles.

Holyfield is quick to deflect credit for that success.

"The wins don't count as accomplishments in my personal record books," he said. "It's the relationships I get to form and the development of young athletes I get to witness that count as accomplishments for me."

It's continuing to build those relationships that has Holyfield most excited about the new season.

"It's an exciting time to be a coach at Hamilton because of the youthfulness and inexperience on our team," he said. "I will get to do a lot of intentional coaching and see a lot of growth in each wrestler's ability.

"Our goal is to create an environment where our wrestlers have a chance to be successful first as people, second as students and lastly as wrestlers. More importantly, our goal is for our wrestlers to wrestle to their capacity, do the best they can, and have an opportunity to be a champion.

"We want each wrestler to have the opportunity to be more successful in life because of their association with this program."

The following wrestlers return for Hamilton: 106 pounds—junior Cade Mitchell; 113 pounds—sophomore Louis Garvelink and junior Weston Geerlings; 120 pounds—sophomore Jeremy Raab, senior Broden Van Wieren and sophomore Cohen Polet; 126 pounds—sophomore Liam Collins; 132 pounds—sophomore Chase Morrison and senior Carmine Cordova; 144 pounds—juniors Seth Hoppes and Miguel Cerda; 150 pounds—sophomore Austin Paskvan; 157 pounds—senior Bryce Morrison; 165 pounds—junior Jordan Brice, senior

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Tyler Block is one of several experienced wrestlers back for Hamilton who will try to lead the Hawkeyes to another league title. (File photo)

Allegan boys basketball opens with win

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

The Brian Baker era of Allegan boys basketball has officially started.

And a good start it was.

Baker, in his first season as coach for the Tigers, led Allegan to a 54-41 victory in the season opener against Comstock on Monday, Dec. 1.

The Tigers established an early lead, going up 19-11 after one quarter before taking a 30-21 lead to halftime.

"We controlled the game from the tip off and did not look back," Baker said. "Our guys used their length to their advantage on both the offense and defense end of the court."

The Tigers really put some distance between themselves and Comstock in the third quarter, as Allegan used a 17-6 edge to extend its advantage to 47-27.

"One of the goals for the game was to win the rebounding battle," Baker said. "We did that, as we had multiple players reach double digits in rebounds."

Braydon Kosiorowski led the offense charge with 20 points, followed by LJ Dial with 12 and Ayden Fusco with nine.

Agustin Delucas and Brandon Thrash added four points each, while Colby Bishop contributed three points.

MHSAA hosted annual Sportsmanship Summit

EAST LANSING—The Michigan High School Athletic Association's annual Sportsmanship Summit series will returned in November with four stops across the Lower Peninsula.

This series provided training on sportsmanship topics affecting students both on and off the field of play.

The MHSAA has conducted Sportsmanship Summits across Michigan for more than 20 years. This year's series began Monday, Nov. 3, in Lansing and wrapped up Wednesday, Nov. 12, in Kalamazoo.

The other workshops in the series took place in Troy on Wednesday, Nov. 5, and Traverse City on Monday, Nov. 10.

MHSAA staff, with assistance from school administrators and the MHSAA Student Advisory Council, conducted the Sportsmanship Summits.

It's estimated that up to 800 students participated in the four workshops, where they discussed the line that separates good sportsmanship from bad sportsmanship. This covered both times as athletes during competition and while participating in off-field activities, including as spectators at sporting events.

Workshop sessions included discussions and hands-on activities on topics including working with game officials, building appropriate student cheering sections, social media behavior and parent conduct at school sports events.

Summits also featured a session developed and instructed by members of the Student Advisory Council. At the end of the sessions, the delegation from each participating school met to develop a school sportsmanship campaign.

The Sportsmanship Summit schedule rotates locations every year. In 2024, MHSAA staff conducted summits in Grand Rapids, Marquette, Saginaw and Ann Arbor.

Registration at each site was limited to the first 200 students and administrators. Schools were welcome to bring as many as 10 total representatives, including two administrators.

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ATHLETE of the WEEK

Sophia VanHeest
Plainwell
Girls Swim & Dive

The Michigan High School Athletic Association held its State Finals for girls swim & dive late last month.

And of the local athletes to compete in the Division 3 Finals at the Holland Aquatic Center, none had a better showing that Plainwell freshman Sophie VanHeest.

VanHeest was nine in the 500-yard freestyle and 10th in the 200 free.

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Block and sophomore Brayden Stezowski; 190 pounds—sophomore Brayden Haynes, sophomore Isaiah Garza and junior Shawn Lawson; and 285 pounds—junior Brandon Tucker.

"We expect continuous improvement from all of our wrestlers throughout the season," Holyfield said. "Getting one percent better every day is what we preach to our wrestlers."

Holyfield has no doubt this group will give its best effort each practice and match.

"The strength of our team is their willingness to work hard and be discipline in the practice room," he said. "I can say this is one of the hardest working groups of kids I have coached. We will be concerned if we do not wrestle to our capacity and show continuous improvement.

"As of now, I have no concerns for this team. It is a great group of young people. We are going to have a lot of fun together."

It's a group that Holyfield believes can win conference and district titles yet again.

"We should be a top contender," he said.

HOPKINS

Joel Eding is approaching the three-decade mark in terms of his tenure as head coach in Hopkins.

Given that level of experience, Eding generally has a pretty good feel in terms of what kind of team he has going into a new season.

And this season, he likes what he sees.

"We have a pretty good-looking squad this year," said Eding, who is entering his 28th season leading the Vikings. "Our retuning state qualifiers will lead the way for us."

Those state qualifiers include senior Cooper Anderson at 144 pounds, sophomore Wyatt Runkel at 126 pounds and Luke Klinge at 138 pounds.

In addition to that trio, three other Vikings return after qualifying for the individual regional tournament a year ago.

Those three are senior Trevor Anderson at 175, junior Tim Well at 165 and Vinny Garza at 157.

Also returning are sophomores Carson Struble (106 pounds), Charlie Eding (113), Tyler Williams (132), Wyatt Jackson (138) and Dylan Cook (150) along with juniors Cameron Phillips (157) and Dilson Rodas (150) and senior Levi Jackson (215).

Newcomers include seniors Gabe Holweger (285) and Zane Siebright (120), sophomore Jamesen Boyer (215) and freshmen Connor Harrington (113), Quinton Miller (120), Wyatt Wolbrink (138) and Emmett Housman (150).

It's a team that Joel Eding believes will be competitive in the OK Silver and will have a chance to make some noise in the postseason.

"Top teams in the OK Silver are Fruitport and Belding," Eding said. "We lost duals to both these teams last season. But we will be a competitive team looking to compete in the postseason."

MARTIN

The 2025-26 season promises to the a memorable one for Martin.

Not only are the Clippers no longer in a co-op with Climax-Scotts for the first time in a decade, but they are also celebrating the 50th anniversary of the program's existence.

"It should be an exciting year," said Martin coach and former mat standout Logan Curry, who led the Clippers to a Division 4 state runner-up finish a year ago. "We're expecting to put together a strong season."

As has become a usual situation for Curry, his team will be playing a little bit of catch up early in the season.

That's because, due to the success of the school's football team, several wrestlers will be getting a late start in terms of practice.

The Martin football team won the 8-Player Division 1 state title for the third time in the past four years.

"We're coming off another football state championship, so we may start a little slow as we get some of those guys healthy and back on the mat," said Curry, who's compiled an 81-12 record in his three seasons at the helm and was named Division 4 Coach of the Year. "But by the end of the year, I fully expect us to be competitive with the top teams in Division 4."

Otsego senior Lane Blanchard (left) will try to earn All-State honors for the second straight season. (File photo)

Senior Haylen Buell leads the charge when it comes to returning wrestlers. He's slated to compete at 165 pounds.

Also back are fellow seniors Anderson Keeler (190) and Michael Chilel-Chun (157), juniors Logan Curry (157), Seth Toris (144) and Lucas Totten (138), and sophomores Urijah Joostberns (132), Jacinto Lopez (113) and Gabe Anaya (175).

"An area of strength for our team is the number of wrestlers we can rely on in big-time matches," Coach Curry said. "Many of them have competed on the biggest stage and understand what it takes to win when it matters most."

Newcomers include senior Peyton Schuring-Harris (285), sophomore Adler Hofer (132) and freshman Zaiden Buell (120).

All in all, it's a group Coach Curry believes should be in the thick of things when it comes to the race for the top spot in a tough SAC.

"Our conference will have some really good teams in it, including a handful that could make an appearance at the team state finals," he said. "I expect us to be able to compete with those top teams in our conference

"Individually, we will have a handful of kids who will look to be a conference champion. That group is led by Haylen Buell, Urijah Joostberns, Jacinto Lopez, Adler Hofer, Peyton Schuring-Harris, Seth Toris, Logan Curry and Zaiden Buell."

OTSEGO

A good mix.

That's how longtime Otsego coach Brian Sparks describes the makeup of his team's roster as it prepares to head into the new season.

"We have a good mix of experience and new wrestlers," Sparks said of his 30-man squad.

Senior Lane Blanchard (157 pounds) leads the charges for the Bulldogs. A two-time state qualifier, Blanchard is expected to reach the 150-win plateau this season.

"He should be a force in the postseason," Sparks said of Blanchard.

Juniors Zeke Andrina (132) and Ryder Balkema (285) are two others who Sparks thinks will help lead the way for the Bulldogs.

"Zeke—a state qualifier last season—and Ryder Balkema also will look to get back to the State meet and make some noise," Sparks said.

Senior Kole Engleright (190) has also qualified for the State Finals.

Also returning are: 113 pounds—sophomore Connor Mitchell; 120—sophomore Kaleb Cole; 138—junior Noah Barber; 150—sophomore Sawyer Kalman; 157—sophomore Blake Mathieu; 165—sophomore Gabe Conley; 190—sophomore Brandon Mendoza; 215—sophomore Cage McNeese, senior Rowan McKinley, senior Cordell Stoneburner and senior Jose Stoneburner; and 285—senior Logan Brinkhuis.

"We have great leadership from our captains—Lane Blanchard, Zeke Andrina and Gabe Conley. Not only vocally do they do a great job, but they have unmatched work ethic that makes a huge impact in our room daily."

Sparks is looking for improvement both as a team and individually.

"I hope to be more competitive in the team portion of the schedule," he said. "And last year we qualified three guys to the State Finals with three to four more just falling shy of qualifying.

"I hope to build on that and be more consistent in the team portion of the season. I'm very excited about getting some kids back out and the solid group of freshmen this year."

WAYLAND

Wayland graduated a talented senior class that included four wrestlers with 35 or more wins as seniors, three of whom were state qualifiers and two of whom are currently wrestling at the college level. One of those was a two-time state champ.

Despite losing such a talented group, longtime Wayland coach Roy Harter is optimistic what the potential his team has for the season ahead.

"This year's group is ready to step up and might be deeper than we were a year ago," Harter said.

It's because of those reasons that Harter believes his team has chance to win a league title for the third straight time … which would be a first in program history.

"We have a battle-tested, experienced team with lots of in-house competition," Harter said. "We expect this to be a good team."

Returning letter winners include: junior Miles Nesbit (126/132 pounds), sophomore Lennon Nesbit (126/132), senior Rex Emmorey (132/138), sophomore Wyatt Nesbit (138/144), senior Jake Smit (157/165), senior Henry Maass (157/165), junior Jake Reeder (175/190), senior Ryan Sipkema (175/190), senior Logan Hall (215).

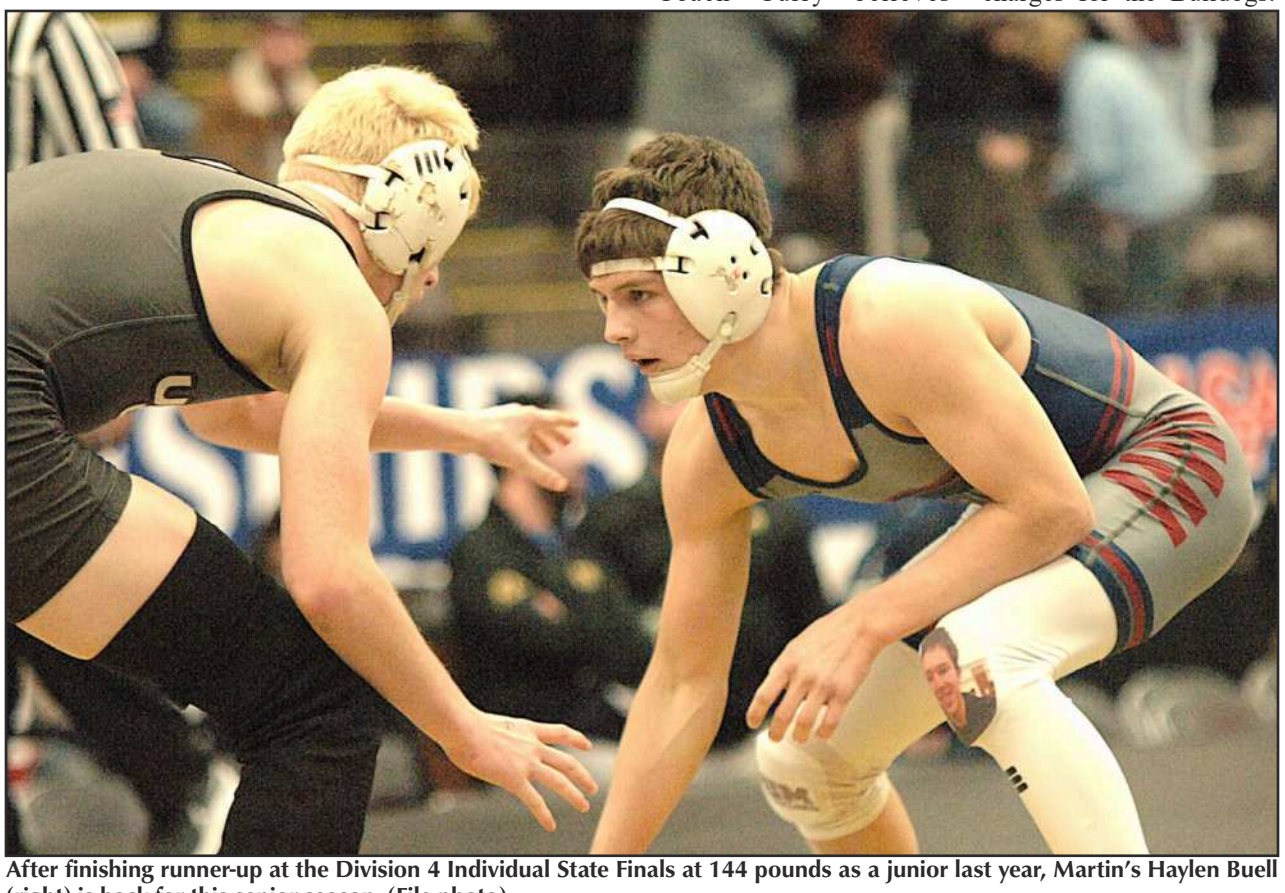
Maass is team captain along with Sipkema.

"We have some great returning wrestlers, with experience, and we have good leadership from our upperclassmen."

There are a total of 44 wrestlers on the boys team.

"We have potential to win a conference title given the returning talent we have," Harter said. "TK is also going to be good this year they will have an experienced squad and had a good post season last year. Northview continues to build and also looks like they could be in the mix."

And as bright as this season looks, the future is equally as bright. There are more than 60 wrestlers in the youth program, with approximately 30 in the middle school program.



After finishing runner-up at the Division 4 Individual State Finals at 144 pounds as a junior last year, Martin's Haylen Buell (right) is back for this senior season. (File photo)

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Festival of Trees returns to Camp Kidwell

By Gari Voss

Camp Kidwell's Festival of Trees returns from Thursday, December 4 through Sunday, December 7, 2025. General admission is FREE, and food is available! Everything is at 39000 1st Avenue, Bloomingdale, MI. Information, pre-registration, schedules, and online auction items are available at https://auctria.events/ckfot25.

Don't miss any of Camp Kidwell's featured events! See beautifully decorated trees and wreaths, visit with Santa, decorate cookies with Mrs. Claus, have a meal with family and friends, participate in Make & Take Workshops, visit the Christmas Store and help raise funds to support camp programs.

This event features 100+ beautifully decorated trees, wreaths, and other holiday items that are available for purchase using the Thursday - Sunday online auction and Saturday evening live auction. The live auction items are only available during the Dinner at the Lodge on Saturday evening, which requires purchasing tickets online.

All are welcome to stroll along the paths to the cabins and enjoy holiday items in person. Then go online to purchase items for home or business or friends. By attending the Saturday, December 6th Dinner at the Lodge and Live Auction, diners enjoy a delicious prime rib dinner along with the jovial, and somewhat competitive, live auction.

Thurs., Dec. 4 – Sun., Dec. 7, 2025, the Lodge and cabins at Camp Kidwell will be full of beautifully decorated trees, wreaths and holiday décor.

The online auction provides an opportunity to review all items and enter bids. No matter the weather or busy schedules, everyone can vie to purchase an item of their choice by going to https://auctria.events/ckfot25. Bidders are notified if someone else has made a bid on the desired item, so they can enter a new bid. For those who really just want the tree, wreath or décor item, there is a purchase bid. By clicking the "buy" box, the item will no longer be on the auction block. Winners of items can pick them up after 5pm on Sunday, December 7th or have them delivered to their home or place of business.

Porch Pot Workshops begin at $35, and the Wooden Barn Quilt Workshop is $25 with all materials available. Pre-register online to save a spot. All proceeds benefit the many programs and camping at Camp Kidwell.

For additional information about Festival of Trees and Camp Kidwell, visit campkidwell.org or find them on Facebook.

Festival of Trees coordinators thank Badger Evergreen, The Grill House, Chef Josh Avery, and all of the decorators and volunteers who make this amazing fundraiser possible! A special thank you goes to Terri Kelly and the administrative staff who pulled together to organize the preparations for this year's Festival.

FESTIVAL OF TREES SCHEDULE

Thurs., Dec., 4, 2025: Senior Day:
12-8pm: Christmas Store & Kitchen open
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3-7pm: Photos with Santa

Fri., Dec., 5, 2025: Santa, Meals & Live Music
12-9pm: Christmas Store & Kitchen open;
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4pm: Auction Ends
5-7pm: Auction Item Pickup

Faces in the Crowd

By G C Stoppel

A business newspaper article caught my attention when it reported that live Christmas trees are falling in popularity as more people are buying artificial ones. This week's question: Live or artificial?

-Man at a gas station on M-89: "To tree or not to tree? That is the question, isn't it." Laughs at his joke from Hamlet. "For us, no tree. Me and my wife went out and got us two kittens. 'Nough said."

-Woman at the next pump: "Oh, how cute. But you should still get a tree and just not decorate it. They'll have fun climbing and playing in it." The man winced in distress.

-Woman near the Fennville hardware store: "Growing up we always had a live tree. Well, it wasn't really live because it had been cut. It smelled so nice, but Papa always worried it would burn the house down, and Mama didn't like the needles in the carpet. A couple of years ago when the kids were grown and gone, we got an artificial one."

-Man near the Fennville grocery store: "Oh, we gotta have a live one. No question about it. It wouldn't seem like Christmas with a phony one."

-Couple near the Allegan Public Library; Women: "A few years ago we bought an artificial tree right after Christmas when they were on sale. I think they're just as nice as the real ones." Man: "They're a onetime purchase, so over time the sales guy said we'd save big bucks. What I like is that it came with the lights already installed. Just spray a little spruce juice on it, and you'd never tell it wasn't real."

-Woman in front of Good Shepherd Episcopal Church: "Artificial. I got a girlfriend in California and she got one, too. She leaves hers up all year and decorates it for every season of the year. Then, 'bout now, she takes everything off of it and hoses it down in the back yard to get the dust off and leaves it out to dry. Of course, it's warmer in southern California."

-Man near the United Methodist Church in Allegan: "None. It's just me and I can't see the point of decorating for just me."

-Couple in front of the Allegan Post Office; Woman: "We're sort of retro." Man: "No kidding. You'd think it was 1955 around our place." Woman: "I was at a yard sale two years ago this past August and the folks there had an aluminum tree, and it came with the color wheel, if you know what I mean. It is soooooooo cool, and when people come over, they oooh and aaah over it."

-Man, same location: "None. My wife passed over in 2023, and I haven't put up a tree since then. It's just me, so there don't seem to be much point in making the place all festive anymore."

-Couple near the Allegan City Hall; Man: "We've moved into an apartment and it's too small for a tree, so we got an artificial one that's on a tabletop."

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Peek at the Past

From the pages of The Allegan News and The Allegan County News and Gazette:

Dec. 4, 1950

Yule mailing deadline near: Tomorrow is the deadline for mailed Christmas parcels to points in distant states and Saturday is the last day the post office can assure shipment by Christmas to nearly points.

Postmaster Clair McOmber said Dec. 15 is the suggested date for out-of-state Christmas cards and local greetings should be in the mail at least a week before the holiday.

The Allegan Post Office will be open the next two Saturday afternoons, McOmber said.

He said post office windows are most crowded at lunchtime and late in the afternoon. It would be wise to avoid these hours, he said, to avoid waiting in line.

McOmber renewed his appeal that packages be wrapped stoutly and reminded residents that Christmas parcels would have to withstand the rush—tumbling down chutes, being tossed into sacks and then having other sacks piled on top of it.

Dec. 4, 1975

Commissioners boil as deputies freeze: While sign-bearing deputies braved sub-freezing temperatures to man picket lines around the courthouse this week, some members of the Allegan County Board of Commissioners described themselves as "hot" over the newest labor problem to beset the county.

The deputies, members of Allegan County Lodge No. 151 of the Fraternal Order of Police, were in place bright and early Monday morning in carrying out their announced intention from last week of picketing county facilities in protest over heavy slashes the commissioners made last month in the Sheriff's Department budget request for the upcoming year.

Primary concern of the picketing deputies is the layoff earlier this month of three deputies, which they have blamed on the commissioners and "threatened layoffs of additional deputies in January" because of cuts the commissioners have made in the 1976 proposed budget covering the Sheriff's Department.

The officers pledged last week that the picketing is strictly to inform the public of their position and will not result in job actions or work slowdowns of any type.

Dec. 7, 2000

Pullman residents open doors to national tour: Pullman residents Richard Orawiec and Wayne and Marj Dennis participated with many other homeowners across the country recently in the fifth annual National Tour of Solar Homes sponsored by the American Solar Energy Society.

According to Southwest Michigan's coordinator Tom Huber, "The annual one-day event demonstrates how solar energy technologies can be adapted to nearly any climate and architectural style. Many of the solar homes on the tour are indistinguishable from the conventional houses in their neighborhoods, so only an owner's utility bills reveal the difference."

A visit to Orawiec's home shows how passionate he is about solar power and alternative energy sources. The garage is full of solar products he sells through the Internet; telltale solar panels line up behind the house; and he even has a solar-powered cooker for pasta, vegetables and grains.

According to ASES, "Orawiec has been involved with renewable energy since the first Earth Day celebration back in 1970 and built his unique home 25 years ago."

Orawiec spiritedly advocates the use of solar power in all aspects of life.

"Solar panels work 100 percent of the time when the sun shines," he said. "The early solar panel modules from the 1960s are still being used."

And the life expectancy of panels is at least 40 years, he added.

Snow and temperatures were falling fast early Monday morning, but the weather didn't deter members of Allegan County Fraternal Order of Police Lodge No. 151 from going ahead with their plans for picketing the county building to protest budget slashes county commissioners have made in the proposed 1976 operating budget for the Allegan County Sheriff's Department. FOP members contend their department is already undermanned and that the budget cuts recently forced the lay-off of three officers. —News & Gazette photo

Dec. 3, 2020

Wendt honored by state legislature for community: Amid the latest epidemic orders to limit the number of people in a given space, wear marks and adhere to social distancing, Judy Wendt received a State of Michigan Special Tribute for her 17 years of service in the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd's Community Closet. On Sunday, November 29, 2020, State Representative Mary Whiteford via Zoom and Alex Leggs in person presented Judy with a framed certificate for her contributions in providing the gift of clothing to all who were in need.

In 2003, a team of vestry members visited a church that furnished clothing to their community. Upon returning home, Chris Suggs, a member of that team, posed the questions regarding if the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd in Allegan could provide a similar service. Thus began a conversation. Judy led the team to meet the challenge, and the Community Closet came to fruition.

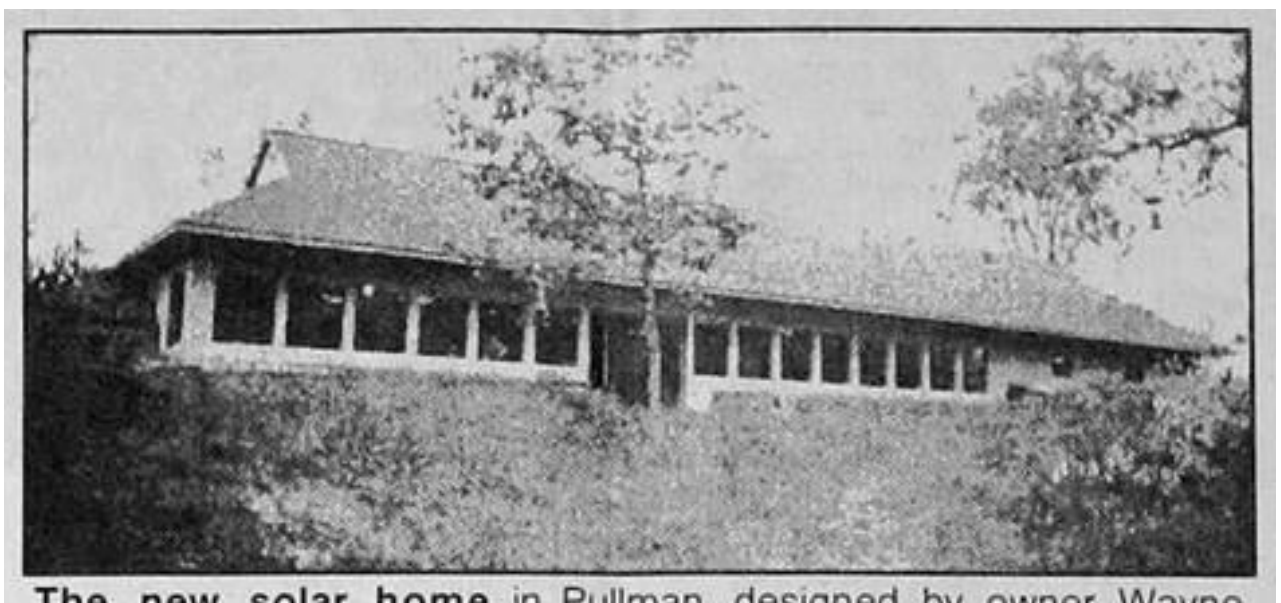
Originally Judy and a small team of women collected professional clothing for those preparing for job interviews. Within a short time, a decision was made to expand the Closet to include clothing for all members of the family.

Each week, people in the Allegan community would bring bags and boxes of used clothing to the Good Shepherd Church. The ladies would sort items and keep only those that were gently used. Items that did not meet expectations were bagged and taken to other agencies for distribution.

Over the past 17 years, thousands of articles of clothing and other items such as sheets and blankets have been displayed on racks, shelves and tables. On Tuesdays and Fridays, people from the Allegan community and beyond visited the Community Closet and selected articles.

When COVID-19 mandates were unveiled in March, the Community Closet closed its doors in hopes of opening again after a few weeks. As soon as restrictions were loosened, Judy and a few workers continued coming to church to sort clothing in preparation for customers. As the weeks wore on, Wendt decided that it was time to "retire" from her leadership duties.

—Compiled by Jason Wesseldyk



The new solar home in Pullman, designed by owner Wayne Dennis, was recently featured in a home tour. (Photo by Ramona Leiter)

Deaths

Oct. 11, 2025

MARTIN GARRETT, 70, Dorr Twp.

Oct. 21, 2025

HARVEY ZEERYP, 89, Fillmore Twp.

Oct. 26, 2025

ROBERT MORRIS LAMONT, 82, Saugatuck

Nov. 11, 2025

JAMES FERDINAND TROLARD, 82, Valley Twp.

Nov. 13, 2025

DOUGLAS EDWARD LAIDLAW, 74, Plainwell

ROGER HENRY DORN, 76, Laketown Twp.

Nov. 14, 2025

BRYAN MICHAEL FISCHER, 54, Fennville

ROSE MARIE ALBERS, 83, Holland

Nov. 16, 2025

NATHANIEL MARSHALL SMITH, 28, Plainwell

Nov. 17, 2025

PAUL KEITH HOUTMAN, 88, Holland

RICHARD BONE RIX, 84, Plainwell

Nov. 18, 2025

MARIALICE ANN QUINN, 72, Casco Twp.

Nov. 19, 2025

PEGGY LYNN KLINGBERG, 73, Valley Twp.

Nov. 20, 2025

JONATHAN HOKSE, 93, Holland

Nov. 24, 2025

CRAIG ALLISON IRWIN, 79, Wayland Twp.

Marriages

The following people applied for a marriage license between Nov. 18 and Nov. 26:

JESSICA MARY FORMAN, Allegan, and **ANDREW EDMUND AZIZ**, Allegan

TRAVIS SCOTT THOMSEN, Plainwell, and **AMANDA KRISTINE COLEGATE**, Plainwell

LOGAN AARON MILLER, Allegan, and **MORGAN SUMMER BECKMAN**, Allegan

LUKE STEVEN NASH, South Haven, and **KAYLI NICOLE SIMKINS**, South Haven

RYAN MITCHELL VAN TUINEN, Allegan, and **ELLA ROSE KOSTER**, Dorr

JEFFREY LEE WILSON, Dorr, and **JOSHUA DOUGLAS TAYLOR**, Dorr

STEVEN PATRICK GIBSON, Dorr, and **KRISTINE MARIE HOLLAND**, Dorr

MAXIM DANIEL TIMMER, Hamilton, and **MIRIAM MARTINEZ**, Holland

ANTHONY JAMES WISE, Fennville, and **MEAGAN ELIZABETH POTHOVEN**, Zeeland

JOSIAH TODD RYAN, Hopkins, and **NEVAEH JOY HELDEROP**, Dorr

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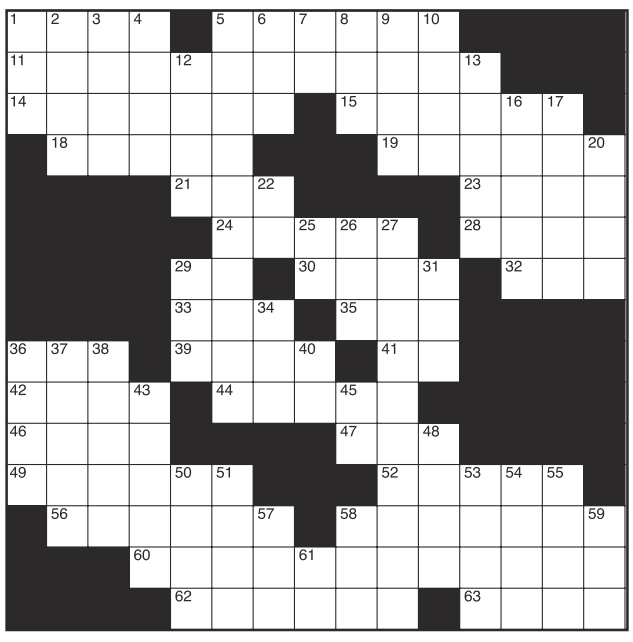

CLUES ACROSS

1. Dough made from corn flour
5. Rise
11. Gratitude
14. A low wall
15. Kidnap
18. A cup golfers want to win
19. Outgoing
21. ÒPartnerÓ to flow
23. Former Michigan coach Brady
24. Proverb
28. Gasteyer and de Armas are two
29. Helps a body recover
30. Baseball Cy Young winner
32. Very fast airplane
33. Offensive baseball stat
35. Body of water
36. Record of one's heartbeat
39. Signs a contract
41. Atomic #24
42. Bind securely
44. French Jesuit theologian
46. Fragrant brown balsam
47. Post office box
49. Sells tickets at inflated prices
52. Places to hang coats
56. Jewish salutation
58. Yellow fruits
60. Poorly educated
62. Microorganism
63. Talk show host Barrymore

CLUES DOWN

1. A way to plan
2. Three-banded armadillo
3. Mobile
4. Romanian city
5. Making sour
6. Take a seat
7. 'The Golden State'
8. When you hope to arrive
9. Pointed ends of pens
10. Extinct flightless bird
12. Sharp-pointed dueling sword
13. Nape of neck
16. Problems (Spanish slang)
17. Narrow carpet
20. To avoid the risk of
22. Spiritual academic degree (abbr.)
25. Equally
26. Traditional cars still need it
27. Eligible voters
29. Greek alphabet letter
31. Body part
34. Referee-declared outcome
36. Means to moving money
37. Popular footwear brand
38. Cockatoo
40. NFL's big game
43. Botswana currencies
45. News-reporting organization
48. Batman villain
50. Urgent request
51. Not all
53. Hallmark's specialty
54. Knot in a tree
55. Satisfy
57. Notable space station
58. Baby's dining accessory
59. Stitch clothing
61. __ and behold

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Public Notices

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Michael Allen Hamstra, a single man

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Freedom Mortgage Corporation

Date of Mortgage: May 13, 2022

Date of Mortgage Recording: May 20, 2022

Amount claimed due on date of notice: $494,840.96

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Overisel, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: THE NORTH 2 ACRES OF THE WEST 150 FEET OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE EAST 1/2 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 34, TOWN 4 NORTH, RANGE 14 WEST.

Common street address (if any): 4050 138th Ave, Hamilton, MI 49419-9768

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

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Date of notice: November 20, 2025

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Date of notice: November 20, 2025

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STATE OF MICHIGAN
48th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT FAMILY DIVISION
Allegan COUNTY
FILE NO. 25-70541-AY
NOTICE OF HEARING TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS
In the matter of. Dehlylah Mae Blackwood, adoptee
TO:
Christoper Allen Blackwood
2884 Eastern Ave
Grand Rapids, MI 49508
TAKE NOTICE: On December 17, 2025 at 4:00 PM in the Probate courtroom Allegan County Courthouse - 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010 before Jolene Clearwater P74848, Judge a hearing will be held on the PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS. The law provides that you should be notified of this hearing. If you fail to appear at this hearing YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS MAY BE TERMINATED.

If you choose to attend this hearing and you require special accommodations to use the court because of a disability or if you require a foreign language interpreter to help you fully participate in court proceedings, please contact the court immediately to make arrangements.

November 14, 2025
Brian E. Gordon P60432
146 Monroe Center NW, Suite 1225
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
(616) 272-3331
Jennifer Ann Karni
415 Mill St, Apt 4
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STATE OF MICHIGAN
48th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT FAMILY DIVISION
Allegan COUNTY
FILE NO. 25-70540-AY
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TO:
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STATE OF MICHIGAN
JUDICIAL DISTRICT
48th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
ALLEGAN COUNTY
ORDER REGARDING ALTERNATE SERVICE
CASE NO. 2025-25153873-GZ and JUDGE Hon. Matthew Antkoviak

Plaintiffs name, address, and telephone no.
MidFirst Bank
c/o Plaintiff's attorney

Plaintiff's attorney, bar 096 address, and telephone no.
Sogol 1. Plagany (P69690)
Orlans Law Group DLLC
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007
248-502-1359
v

Defendant's name, address, and telephone no.
Matthew M. Gallas, et al.

THE COURT FINDS:

1. Service of process upon the defendant, Matthew M. Gallas , cannot reasonably be made as provided in MCR 2.105 and service of process may be made in a manner that is reasonably calculated to give the defendant actual notice of the proceedings and an opportunity to be heard.

IT IS ORDERED:

2. Service of the Summons and complaint and a copy of this order shall be made by the following method(s).

a. First class mail to 3373 132nd Avenue, Hopkins, MI 49328

b. Tacking or firmly affixing to the door at 3373 132nd Avenue, Hopkins, MI 49328

d. Other: Publishing for three consecutive weeks in the Allegan County Legal News pursuant to MCR 2.106(D).

Matthew Antkoviak P-5944
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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Richard Force, A Married Man

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC.

Date of Mortgage: October 24, 2014

Date of Mortgage Recording: October 30, 2014

Amount claimed due on date of notice: $92,690.45

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Watson, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: That part of the Northeast quarter of Section 26, Town 2 North, Range 12 West, described as:

Commencing at the East quarter corner of said Section 26; thence North 89 degrees 01 minutes 10 seconds West 1948.44 feet along the East-West quarter line to the point of beginning; thence North 00 degrees 04 minutes 44 seconds East 450.00 feet; thence North 62 degrees 09 minutes 20 seconds West 345.00 feet; thence South 02 degrees 52 minutes 38 seconds East 607.22 feet to the East-West quarter line; thence South 89 degrees 01 minutes 10 seconds East 274.00 feet, along said quarter line to the point of beginning.

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Timothy J Kelley, a married man and Linda Kelley, his wife

Original Mortgagee: Independent Mortgage Co. West MI

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): PHH Asset Services LLC

Date of Mortgage: October 23, 2006

Date of Mortgage Recording: October 31, 2006

Amount claimed due on date of notice: $104,263.72

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Overisel, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: Lot 9 of Reimink Plat No. 1 according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber/Instrument No. 7 of Plats, Page 69 of Allegan County Records.

Common street address (if any): 4785 Reimink St, Hamilton, MI 49419-9718

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

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STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
ALLEGAN COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
CASE NO. XXX and JUDGE
Court address 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010
Court telephone no.(269) 673-0250

Estate of Linda Lorraine Birdsall, Deceased Date of Birth:*12/15/1946

TO ALL CREDITORS: **

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Linda Lorraine Birdsall, died 03/16/2025.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to David C. Moore, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

11/24/2025
James M. McEwen P53923
550 Lincoln Road
Address Address
Otsego, MI 49078
269/692-3665
David C. Moore
1790 Ariel Drive
Otsego, MI 49078
269-364-3016

STATE OF MICHIGAN
IN THE ALLEGAN COUNTY 48th CIRCUIT COURT
Case No. 25- 70133 -CH
Honorable Judge Matthew Antkoviak
CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC,
PLAINTIFF
vs.
Case No. 25- 70133 -CH
Honorable Judge Matthew Antkoviak
GARY E. BURD, HEATHER BURD, LVNV FUNDING LLC; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT,
DEFENDANTS
Court address: 113 Chestnut St, Allegan, MI 49010
ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION/POSTING AND NOTICE OF ACTION
Plaintiff:
CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC,
2100 East 196th Street; Suites 100 & 200
Westfield, IN 46074
Plaintiff's Attorney
JOHNSON, BLUMBERG & ASSOCIATES LLC
Robert A. Blumberg (P87490)
Attorney for NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing
30 N. LaSalle Street, STE 3650
Chicago, IL 60602
312-541-9710
Defendant:
Unknown Heirs of Gary E. Burd
437 E. Hammond Street,
Otsego, MI 49078
TO: Unknown Heirs of Gary E. Burd
IT IS ORDERED:

1. You are being sued in this court by the plaintiff to foreclose a mortgage given by you to the plaintiff. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at the court address above on or before January 10th, 2026. If you fail to do so, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case.

2. A copy of this order shall be published once each week in the Allegan County News for three consecutive weeks, and proof of publication shall be filed in this court.

3. N/A.

4. A copy of this order shall be sent to Unknown Heirs of Gary E. Burd 437 E. Hammond Street, Otsego, MI 49078 at the last known address by registered mail, return receipt requested, before the date of last publication and the affidavit of mailing shall be filed with this court.

Dated 11/17/2025
Judge Matthew Antkoviak
11-27 12-11

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Public Notices

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for this information. MORTGAGE INFORMATION: Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Ryan Beyer and Erin Beyer, husband and wife, whose address is 3616 146th Avenue, Hamilton, Michigan 49419, as original Mortgagors, to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR GREEN TREE SERVICING LLC, being a mortgage dated March 10, 2015, and recorded on March 24, 2015 in Liber 3912 Page 40, Allegan County Records, State of Michigan and then assigned to NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing, as assignee as documented by an assignment dated December 14, 2021 and recorded on December 14, 2021 in Liber 4708 Page 506, Allegan County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-EIGHT THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY-SIX AND 35/100 DOLLARS ($138,756.35). Said premises are situated in the Township of Overisel, County of Allegan, State of Michigan, and are described as: THAT PART OF THE EAST 1/2 OF THE EAST 1/2 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4, SECTION 12, TOWN 4 NORTH, RANGE 14 WEST, OVERISEL TOWNSHIP, ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN DESCRIBED AS: BEGINNING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION, THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 20' 50" WEST, 506.45 FEET ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION, THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 05 14" EAST 300.0 FEET ALONG THE EAST LINE OF THE WEST 148.0 FEET OF SAID EAST 1/2, OF THE EAST 1/2 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4, THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 20' 50" EAST 505.99 FEET, THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 00' WEST 300.0 FEET ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING. Street Address: 3616 146th Avenue, Hamilton, Michigan 49419 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA § 600.3241a in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. If the property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCLA § 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. ATTENTION HOMEOWNER: IF YOU ARE A MILITARY SERVICE MEMBER ON ACTIVE DUTY, IF YOUR PERIOD OF ACTIVE DUTY HAS CONCLUDED LESS THAN 90 DAYS AGO, OR IF YOU HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO ACTIVE DUTY, PLEASE CONTACT THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PARTY FORECLOSING THE MORTGAGE AT THE TELEPHONE NUMBER STATED IN THIS NOTICE. Dated: November 27, 2025 For more information, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing: Robert A. Blumberg (P87490), Johnson, Blumberg, & Associates, LLC, 30 North LaSalle St., Suite 3650 Chicago, Illinois, 60602. Telephone: (312) 541-9710 File No.: MI 25 6448
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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Ryan Decker a married man

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC

Date of Mortgage: January 4, 2019

Date of Mortgage Recording: February 8, 2019

Amount claimed due on date of notice: $156,544.12

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in City of Plainwell, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: Lot 77 in Orchard Acres No. 2, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 11 of plats, Page 71,

Allegan County Records.

Common street address (if any): 680 Glenview Cir, Plainwell, MI 49080-1365

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Victoria Buell, a single woman

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Center LLC

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): None

Date of Mortgage: August 26, 2015

Date of Mortgage Recording: September 16, 2015

Amount claimed due on date of notice: $87,360.50

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Charter Township of Gunplain, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: Lot 17 of Gainder and Morrison Assessor's Plat, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Liber 11 of Plats, Page 3, Allegan County Records.

Common street address (if any): 972 110th Ave, Plainwell, MI 49080-9515

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STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
ALLEGAN COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate

Estate of Ward Jay Haner, Jr Date of birth 10/12/1946

TO ALL CREDITORS:**

Public Notice to creditors State of Michigan Allegan County Michigan Estate of Ward J Haner, Jr. Date of death 11/10/2025 Residence: Wayland, Michigan Allegan County The decadent, Ward J. Haner, Jr, passed away on November 10, 2025. All persons, creditors, and entities having claims against the decedent`s estate are hereby notified to present their claims to the undersigned trustee of the estate withing four months of the publication of this notice or they will be barred from making such claims. All claims must be presented in writing and submitted to the personal representative at the following address: Daniel Haner 1084 Millstone Dr. Wayland, MI. 49348 269-720-8770 Dated this day of 4th day of December 2025.

Daniel J Haner Personal Representative for the Estate of Ward J. Haner

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Ward Jay Haner Jr, died 11/10/2025

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Daniel J Haner, personal representative, or to both the probate court at

113 Chestnut St. Allegan, MI, and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

12/04/2025

Daniel J Haner

1084 Millstone Dr

Wayland, MI. 49348

269-720-8770

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on January 15, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Chad Losiewski

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Freedom Mortgage Corporation

Date of Mortgage: October 7, 2022

Date of Mortgage Recording: October 17, 2022

Amount claimed due on date of notice: $154,106.59

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Charter Township of Gunplain, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: Commencing on the South line of Section 15, at a point 400 feet East of the Southwest corner of said Section 15 as point of beginning; thence East on said Section line, 104 feet; thence Northwesterly to the center of Gun Marsh Road at a point 504 feet Northeasterly of the Southwest corner of said Section; thence Southwesterly along the center of said road 104 feet; thence Southeasterly to point of beginning, Section 15, Town 1 North, Range 11 West, Gun Plain Township, Allegan County, Michigan.

Common street address (if any): 605 Marsh Rd, Plainwell, MI 49080-9541

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.

This notice is from a debt collector.

Date of notice: December 4, 2025

Trott Law, P.C.

31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145

Farmington Hills, MI 48334

(248) 642-2515

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ALLEGAN COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS Trust

In the matter of the Goorhouse Living Trust established July 24, 2023.

TO ALL CREDITORS: **

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: the decedent, Jeffrey John Goorhouse, born February 24, 1949, died on November 11, 2025. Creditors of the Decedent are notified that all claims against the Trust will be forever barred unless presented to Timothy Kamyszek or Kelly L. DuCommun, Co-Trustees of the Goorhouse Living Trust dated July 24, 2023, and amended on October 12, 2023 or to the attorney for the Trust within four (4) months after the date of publication of this Notice.

Timothy Kamyszek
2148 141st Avenue
Dorr, MI 49323
616-889-3457
Kelly DuCommun
10822 County Line Road
Edgewood, WA 98372
(253) 224-1749
Margaret L. Webb
PO Box 265
Dorr, MI 49323
(616) 681-0100

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the Circuit Court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 09:00 AM, on January 15, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Jamison M Berg, An Unmarried Man Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Top Flite Financial, Inc., its successors and assigns. Foreclosing Assignee: PennyMac Loan Services, LLC Date of Mortgage: October 13, 2021 Date of Mortgage Recording: October 19, 2021 Amount claimed due on mortgage on the date of notice: $227,464.82 Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in the City of Allegan, Allegan County, Michigan, and are described as: Fifty feet in width off the East side of Lot 104, Original Plat of the Village (Now City) of Allegan, according to the recorded plat thereof. Commonly Known as: 347 Cutler St., Allegan, MI 49010 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later; or unless MCL 600.3240(16) applies. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention Purchaser: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee for any reason. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest, and the purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's attorney. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. This notice is from a debt collector. Date of notice: 12/04/2025 Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 251 Diversion Street, Rochester, MI 48307 248-853-4400 321434
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ALLEGAN
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Trust

Trust: The Brian J. Kuperus Trust, under agreement dated June 13, 2018

TO ALL CREDITORS: **

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Brian J. Kuperus, who lived at 2510 22nd Street, Hopkins, MI 49328 died 10/23/2025. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the trust will be forever barred unless presented to the Trustee, Cathy S. Kuperus, within 4 months from the date of publication of this notice.

11/19/2025

Blaque W. Hough P-47697
300 South State St., Ste. 11
Zeeland, MI 49464
(616) 212-9336
Cathy S. Kuperus
2510 22nd Street
Hopkins, MI 49328
616-893-4489

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
ALLEGAN COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
CASE NO. XXX and JUDGE
Court address 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010
Court telephone no.(269) 673-0250

Estate of Ronald Lee Sanderson Date of Birth:*3/10/44

TO ALL CREDITORS: **

Notice is hereby given that a Letters of Authority have been issued in the estate of Ronald Lee Sanderson, deceased, by the Allegan County Probate Court of Allegan, MI. The deceased's full name is Ronald Lee Sanderson. The date of death is Sept. 8, 2025. The court case number is 25-65938-DE. The address for the personal representative is Grant R. Sanderson 1927 Boscobel Ct. Rockford, IL 61107. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them to the undersigned within 4 months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or they will be forever barred. This notice is published in accordance with state law. The deadline for creditors to file a claim is April 6, 2026

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Ronald Lee Sanderson, died 9/8/25.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Grant R. Sanderson, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

11/26/25

Grant R. Sanderson
1927 Boscobel Ct.
Rockford, IL 61107

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF ALLEGAN
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
FILE NO. 25-65945-DE

Estate of Margaret J. Spreitzer a/k/a Margaret JoAnne Spreitzer, Deceased

Date of Birth: 10/06/1948w

NOTICE TO ALL CREDITORS: The decedent, Margaret J. Spreitzer, died on 10/29/2025.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Allan Chudek, named personal representative, or to both the probate court at 113 Chestnut St. Allegan, MI 49010 and the named personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: 12-4-25

Michael J. Becker (P81132)
Orton, Tooman, Hale, McKown & Kiel, P.C.
314 Trowbridge Street, P.O. Box 239
Allegan, MI 49010-0239
(269) 673-2136
Allan Chudek, Personal Representative
314 Ely St.
Allegan, MI 49010
(269) 357-4922

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF ALLEGAN
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT AND DUTIES OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
FILE NO. 25-65969-DE
Estate of David Samuel Axe
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. On I was appointed personal representative as requested in the application or petition for probate of this estate (copy attached unless previously sent). I am serving without bond. The papers related to the estate are on file with the Allegan County Probate Court located at 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010. This is not a supervised administration.

3. The court does not supervise the personal representative in the administration of an estate except in limited circumstances.

4. If I was appointed informally, you or another interested person may petition the court objecting to my appointment and/or demanding that I post a bond or an additional bond. The petition must be filed with the probate court along with the applicable fee. Unless the court grants the petition, I will continue to serve as appointed.

5. You or another interested person may petition for a hearing by the court on any matter at any time during the administration of the estate, including for distribution of assets and allowance of expenses of administration. The petition must be filed with the probate court along with the applicable fee.

6. If you continue to be an interested person (such as an heir of an intestate estate or devisee or beneficiary under the will of the decedent), I will provide you with: 1) a copy of the inventory within 91 days of my appointment; 2) unless waived by you, a copy of an account including fiduciary fees and attorney fees charged to the estate, within 1 year of my appointment; and 3) a copy of the closing statement or settlement petition when the estate is ready for closing.

7. To avoid penalties, I must have paid any federal estate and Michigan estate taxes within 9 months after the date of the decedent's death or another time period specified by law.

8. The estate may not be closed earlier than 5 months after the date of my appointment except in limited circumstances. If the estate is not settled within 1 year after my appointment, within 28 days after the anniversary of the appointment, I must file with the court and send to each interested person a notice that the estate remains under administration and the reason for the continuation of the estate. If you do not receive such a notice, you may petition the court for a hearing on the necessity for continued administration or for closure of the estate.

11-26-25

Penelope Katrina Muenzer
648 44th St.
Allegan, MI 49010
269-838-8166

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
ALLEGAN COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
CASE NO. 25-65874-DE and JUDGE
Court address 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010
Court telephone no.(269) 673-0250

Estate of Brett Charles DeMond Date of Birth:*February 29, 1960

TO ALL CREDITORS: **

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Brett Charles DeMond, died August 28, 2025.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Chelsea Fish, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

October 21, 2025

Family and Elder Law of Mid-Michigan, PC
Sara J. Reedy P79233
2090 Jolly Road, Suite 100
Chelsea Fish
1622 64th Street
Okemos, Michigan 48864
(517) 351-6222
Fennville, Michigan 49408
(219) 689-6491

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
ALLEGAN COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
CASE NO. 25-65968-DE and JUDGE
Court address 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010
Court telephone no.(269) 673-0250

Estate of Thomas Fairbanks Vandenberg Date of Birth:*02/03/1941

TO ALL CREDITORS: **

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Thomas Fairbanks Vandenberg, died June 10, 2025.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Luke Vandenberg , personal representative, or to both the probate court at 2471 146th Ave. SW, Byron Center, MI 49315 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

12/1/2025

Christopher Shourds P82401
2920 Fuller Avenue NE, Suite 110
Grand Rapids, MI 49505
616-433-1350
Luke Vandenberg
2471 146th Ave. SW
Byron Center, MI 49315
616-889-9565

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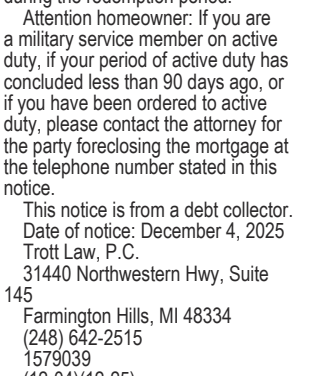

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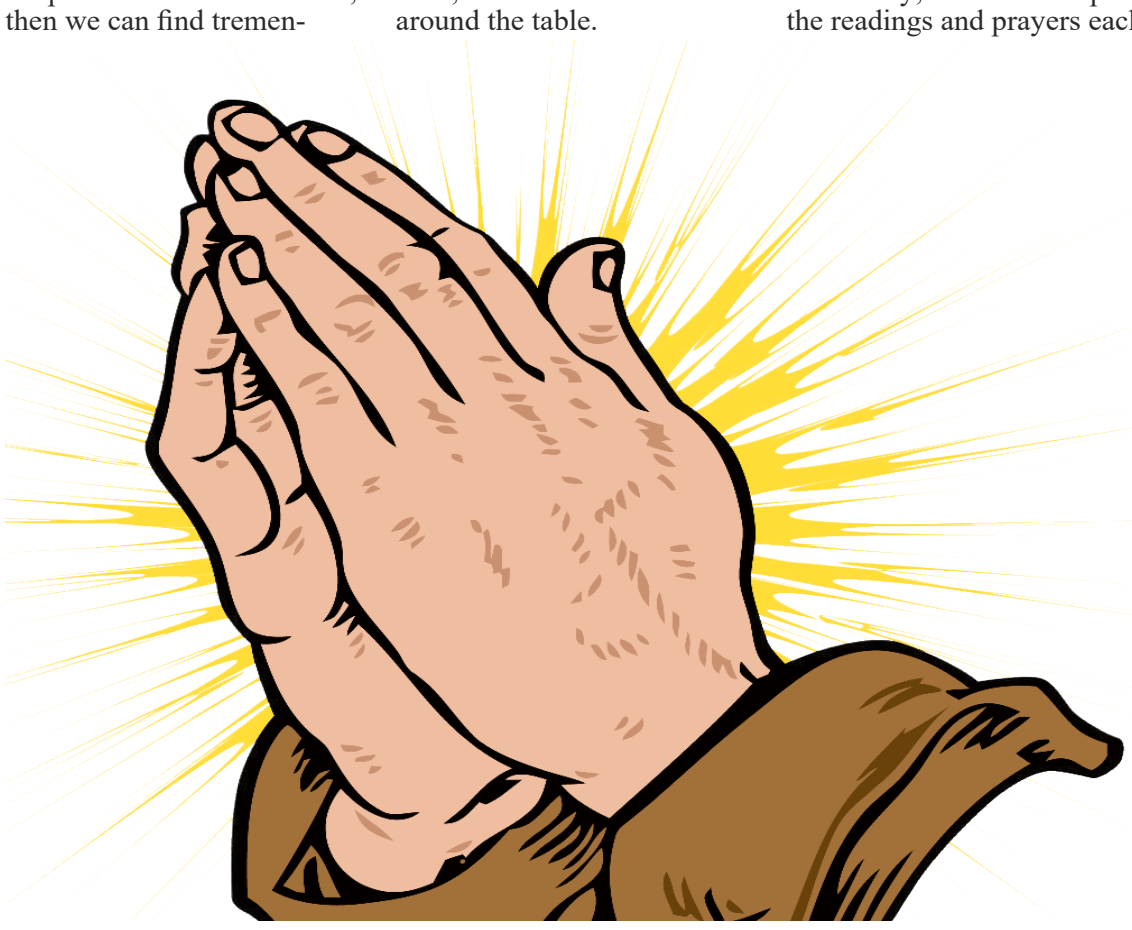
RELIGION SECTION

Tis the season for Advent wreaths, and we see them springing up in homes and churches across the world. Traditionally they are a circle of artificial or fresh cut evergreen boughs put in place. A circle, because it reminds us that God's love has no beginning or end; green boughs to remind us of our new life in Christ.

Within the circle there are four candles, one for each of the four Sundays of Advent; three are purple and one is rose or pink. In the center is a large white candle, best known as the Christ candle, which is not lit until Christmas Eve. Each candle is named in honor four Christian virtues most directly associated with Jesus.

For those unfamiliar with the tradition of the Advent wreath, there is a short worship service of readings, silent meditation or discussion about the passage, and prayers. The candle is lit, and the short service concludes. The object is to help the participants to make a closer connect with Jesus in the weeks leading up to Christmas.

As with all forms of devotion and worship, it is only as meaningful as the effort we put into it. If it is something a church or family rushes through, then the meaning is lost. When we pause and are intentional, then we can find tremendous and always deepening spiritual meaning that can change our life. For families with younger children it is a wonderful teaching tool that leads not only to a growing faith, but more conversation around the table.



It is important to know that there are no hard and fast rules. The liturgy of an Advent Wreath is for your benefit. Some families follow this practice at their main meal on Sunday; others will repeat the readings and prayers each night of the week. Finding meaning and opportunities for spiritual growth are far more important than strict obedience to rules.

This year, Advent began on the 30th of November, and if you missed it but still want to participate in this tradition, there is nothing preventing you from doing one on a Sunday and a second or make-up devotion later that week

On the second Sunday of Advent, December 7, the candle is known as the Candle of Peace, and the readings and prayer revolve around that word. It provides a wonderful time for a parent to ask a child, what does peace mean to you? Where do you find peace? For older adults, or one who is alone, it is a wonderful opportunity to intentionally explore what brings them peace, when peace in their life is missing, and where they want to make changes.

G C Stoppel
Priest Associate
Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd,
Allegan, MI

Directory of Area Churches

Allegan Assembly of God
424 DeLano St, Allegan
Pastors Tim Heath & Paul Hays
Church: 673-6577

Allegan Bible Church
412 S. Sherman, Allegan
Pastor Jon Gruss
Church: 673-6831

Allegan Christian Center
700 Ely St., Allegan
Paul Knuckles, Pastor
Church: 673-2921

Allegan County Jail
Chaplain Sarah Montgomery
Phone: 673-0350

Allegan United Methodist Church
Corner Walnut & Trowbridge streets, Allegan
Pastor Julia Humenik
Church: 673-4236;

At the Master's Feet
814 21st St., Otsego
269-694-6897
Paster Ray Brown

Blessed Sacrament Church
110 N. Cedar Street, Allegan
Fr. Simon Manjooran
Church: 673-4455

Bloomingdale Bible Church
210 Chestnut at Pine NW
Bloomin gdale
Ofc. 269-427-2101

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5587 113th Ave., Fennville
Pastor Duane Terpstra
616-886-1214

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4241 30th, Burnips
Craig VanBeek, Pastor
616-896-8410

Calvary Church of Wayland (IFCA)
304 S. Main Street, Wayland
Pastor Chad Peckham
ccwayland.org

Casco United Methodist Church
880 66th Street, South Haven
Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.
269-227-3328
www.cascoumc.org

Chicora Country Chapel
4399 108th Ave., Allegan
Pastor Herb Curry
Phone: 269-370-5834

Christ Community Church
3370 113th Ave., Allegan
www.alleganccc.org ·
(269) 673-2329
Pastor Wally Coots

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
687 Linn Street, Allegan
Church: 673-9617

Church of God - Otsego
112 Kalamazoo St., Otsego
Pastor Stephen Burrow Sr.
269-694-9481
www.otsegocog.com

Corner Bible Church
4001 124th Allegan
673-5995
www.cornerbiblechurch.com

CrossWind Community Church
1632 142nd Avenue
Dorr, MI 49323
616-359-9013
Pastor Tommy Boutell

Dunningville Reformed Church
2559 M-40, Allegan
Church: 751-5894
Pastor Eric Burrows-Stone
dunningville.org/index.html

East Martin Christian Reformed Church
510-118th Ave., Martin
269-672-5746
www.eastmartincrc.org

Epiphany Lutheran Church (LCMS)
4219 Parklane, Dorr
www.epiphanydorr.org
Sunday service at 9:15 a.m.,
Bible Study and Sunday School following

Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd
101 North Walnut St, Allegan
Office: 673-2254

Faith Baptist Church
2846 125th Ave., Allegan
John Looman, Pastor
673-5040 1-888-354-3272

Fennville Assembly of God
5897 124th Ave.
Fennville, MI 49408
269-561-2683

Fennville United Methodist Church
5849 124th St., Fennville
269-561-5048
Bob Lynch, Pastor
www.fennvilleumc.org

First Presbyterian Church
200 Cutler Street, Allegan
Church: 673-4631
www.fpcallegan.org
10:00 service time.

First Baptist Church
1290 32nd St., Allegan
Service at 10:00am
Pastors Nathan Smith & Brendon Bayley
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First Baptist Church of Otsego
247 E Allegan St., Otsego
(269) 694-4160
firstbaptist@fbcotsego.org

First Church of God
1313 Marshall Street, Allegan
269 673-3881
www.pathtohim.org
Pastor, Tim Secord

First Congregational Church
323 Cutler Street, Allegan
Church Office: 673-3139
Pastor Todd Wagner

First Congregational Church
120 W. Morrell St., Otsego
269-694-6085
Pastor Lenny Luchetti

First Presbyterian Church of Plainwell
303 East Bridge St.
Plainwell, MI 49080
685-5990

Friendship Bible Church
104 Baker St., Hopkins, MI
Pastor Chris Cronk and Worship Pastor Tony Caldarona
Office 793-7929

Ganges Baptist Church
6577 122nd Avenue, Fennville
269-543-4203
11AM each Sunday

Ganges United Methodist Church
2218 68th St
Fennville MI 49408
Phone 269-543-3581
Lay Minister - Marcia A. Tucker

Grace Church of Hamilton
3690 Lincoln Rd. P.o. Box 97
Hamilton Mi 49419
269.264.4900
Gracechurchofhamilton@gmail.com

Hope Lutheran Church
290 12th St., Plainwell
(269) 685-1348
Pastor Nicole Smith
Worship 10:30am; S. School 9:15am

Hopkins Community Reformed Church
2142 128th Ave., Hopkins
(269) 793-7361
hopkinscommunitychurch.net

Hopkins United Methodist Church
322 N. Maple St., Hopkins
(269) 793-7323
Pastor Kelsey French

Horseshoe Community Bible Church
4950 104th Avenue, Grand Junction
269-521-4580 ·
Pastor Don Miller

Immanuel Lutheran Church
631 Grand Street, Allegan
Church: 673-3335
Rev. Christopher Laughlin

Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witness
2199 Taft Road, Allegan
Phone: 673-6179

Living Waters Community Church
5458 M-89, Fennville
Service: 10:30 Sundays
Pastor Andrew Leach
269-561-5277

Martin Reformed Church
1073 W. Allegan St., Martin
Pastor: Matthew Hendricks
672-5596

Martin United Methodist Church
969 E. Allegan St., Martin
Pastor Margaret Stoken
269-672-7097
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Merson Church
3313 102nd Ave., Gobles, MI
Office: 673-5274
www.mersonchurch.org

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Craig VanBeek, Pastor
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5425 105th Ave., Pullman
Pastor Everett Belue
269-382-3405

New Hope Baptist Church
2011 Lincoln Road (M-40 N)
Pastor Tadd Butler
673-1938

Northbridge Church
8824 Douglas, Kalamazoo
269-385-4378 ·
www.northbridge.cc

Northpoint Ministries
04077 M40 (M40/CR390)
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Pastor Gary Lounsberry
Sunday Worship: 11am

OAKLAND CRC
4460 38th Street
Hamilton. Mi. 49419
616 688 5290
Pastor Mark Vande Zande

Otsego United Methodist Church
223 E Allegan St. Otsego MI
10:00 a.m. Worship
Reverend Dan Minor
Otsegomethodistchurch.org

Pathfinder North Church
(A Global Methodist Church)
532 M 89, Otsego, MI 49078
9:30 Fellowship 10:00 Worship
Rev Ron Hansen
Pathfindernorth.com

Peace Lutheran Church
805 S. Wilmott St., Otsego
www.peaceotsego.com
694-6104

Pearl United Methodist Church
1689 56th St., Fennville
269-561-5048 Worship 9:30 am
Bob Lynch, Pastor
www.fennvilleumc.org

Pentecostal Church of God I.M
2281 57th St, Fennville
Wed/Miércoles @ 7:00 pm
Sunday/Domingo @ 10:00 am
Worship Service @ 11:00am
Rev. Jeremias & Maribel Gaytan
231) 923-6887 - (231) 923-6959
Email: gytnj@yahoo.com

Plainwell Church of Christ
911 James St.
Plainwell, Michigan 49080

Plainwell First Baptist Church
404 W. Bridge St., Plainwell
(269) 685-8888
Pastor George Osborn

Plainwell First United Methodist Church
200 Park St. Plainwell
269-685-5113
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Rectify Church
247 N. Main St., Allegan
616-218-1556
Pastor Sarah Montgomery

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672-7097 - Church office
Pastor Margaret Stoken

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Pastor Kelsey French
Church: 793-7323

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11850 9 Mile Rd., Shelbyville
269-664-4345
Service: Sundays 9:30 am

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716 Academy St, Allegan
Rev. Jeremiah Johnson Sr.
Phone: 673-8590—673-3007

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1764 34th St., Allegan
Pastor Ronald Kruse 673-2079
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.

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766 S. Farmer St., Otsego
269-694-6311

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269.857.5633
6069 Blue Star Hwy, Saugatuck, MI 49453
Sunday Worship: 10:00am

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355 26th Street, Otsego
Pastor Mykel Hall, Pastor
Church: 673-5502

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35 14 12th St. Wayland
Pastor Kelly Ryan
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Pastor Tim Morris
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Village Market Food Centers
Your Hometown Store

2025: AD EFFECTIVE DATES

MON. DEC. 8	TUES. DEC. 9	WED. DEC. 10	THUR. DEC. 11	FRI. DEC. 12	SAT. DEC. 13	SUN. DEC. 14

Village Market, All Natural, Fresh
Pork Steak
Regular, BBQ, Thin, Thick, Boneless or Stuffed Family Pack
BUY ONE PKG., GET ONE PKG. OF EQUAL OR LESSER VALUE
FREE!

Mix or Match Tender Ridge, Choice Angus
Boneless Beef Top Round Steak
Regular, Thin, Tenderized, London Broil or Pinwheels
BUY ONE PKG., GET ONE PKG. OF EQUAL OR LESSER VALUE
FREE!

Fresh
Blueberries
pint
BUY ONE, GET ONE
FREE!

Our Family Idaho Potatoes
5 lb. bag
BUY ONE, GET ONE
FREE!

Select Varieties
Dutch Farms Natural Cheese Slices, 6 oz.
BUY ONE, GET ONE
FREE!
Save at least $3.99 on 2

Select Varieties
Our Family Pasta
12 - 16 oz.
BUY ONE, GET ONE
FREE!
Save at least $1.99 on 2

Select Varieties
Bugles, Chex Mix or Gardetto's Snacks
7 - 8.6 oz.
BUY ONE, GET ONE OF EQUAL OR LESSER VALUE
FREE!
Save at least $4.19 on 2

Select Varieties
Arm & Hammer Liquid Detergent
100.5 - 105 oz.
BUY ONE, GET ONE
FREE!
Save at least $14.99 on 2

Select Varieties
Pillsbury Toaster Strudel
6 ct.
BUY ONE, GET ONE
FREE!
Save at least $4.39 on 2

Select Varieties
Country Fresh Dip or Sour Cream
(16 oz.) or Squeeze (12 oz.)
BUY ONE, GET ONE OF EQUAL OR LESSER VALUE
FREE!
Save at least $2.89 on 2

Select Varieties
Jack's 12-Inch Original Pizza, 14.4 - 17.7 oz.
BUY ONE, GET ONE
FREE!
Save at least $4.99 on 2

Select Varieties
Boulder Canyon Potato Chips
5.25 - 6.5 oz.
BUY ONE, GET ONE
FREE!
Save at least $4.79 on 2

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We offer you more ways to save in store and at the pump!

save 10¢ On Each Gallon of Fuel!
Spend $50 or more on groceries and receive 10¢ off each gallon of gas! (up to 25 gallons)

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At Great Prices!

Cosmic Crisp or Honeycrisp Apples

$1.99 lb.

Fresh Express Salad Mixes

Premium Romaine, Veggie Lovers or American
9 - 11 oz.

2/$7

Celery Hearts

each

$2.99

Navel Oranges

4 lb. bag $3.49

Fresh
Asparagus ..... $3.49 lb.

Sunset Angel Sweet Tomatoes

pint

2/$5

Baby Carrots

2 lb. bag $2.99

Select Varieties
Marzetti Vegetable Dip

12 oz. ..... 2/$7

Organic PRODUCE

Select Varieties

Earthbound Farm Organic Salad Mixes

10 oz.

$4.99

floral center

Select Varieties
6-Inch Poinsettia
each

2/$18

Candy Cane Lane
each

$16.99

Ugly Sweater Bouquet
each

$19.99

Fresh Deli

Boar's Head
Available At Our Allegan Location Only.

Boar's Head Classic Chicken

$11.99 lb.

Boar's Head Corned Beef..... $16.99 lb.

Boar's Head Colby Jack Cheese..... $9.99 lb.

Boar's Head Baby Swiss Cheese

$11.49 lb.

Old Tyme Brown Sugar, Maple or Ham Off-the-Bone

$7.49 lb.

Save at least 50¢ lb.

Old Tyme Swiss Cheese

$6.99 lb.

Greek Feta Pasta Salad ..... Save at least 80¢ lb. $4.99 lb.

Eckrich Hard Salami ..... Save at least $1.00 lb. $7.99 lb.

Select Varieties
Laughing Cow Cheese Wedges

5.4 oz. ..... Save at least 70¢ $4.79

Grab 'N Go
12-Piece Deli Fried Chicken

$17.99

Save at least $1.00

Fresh, Deli Made
Chicken Pot Pie
each

2/$7.98

Save at least $2.00 on 2.

$5.99 Daily Lunch Specials

Monday - Friday 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Monday, Dec. 8:
Half Panini of the Day
includes 1 Hot Side & 1 Cold Side

Tuesday, Dec. 9:
Meatloaf
includes 1 Hot Side & 1 Cold Side

Wednesday, Dec. 10:
4-Piece Chicken Tenders
includes 1 Hot Side & 1 Cold Side

Thursday, Dec. 11:
Pulled Pork Sandwich
includes 1 Hot Side & 1 Cold Side

Friday, Dec. 12:
10-Piece Breaded Shrimp
includes 1 Hot Side & 1 Cold Side

Fresh Bakery

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Ciabatta Bread

18 oz.

$2.99

Save at least $1.00

Sub Buns

4 ct.

$2.99

Save at least 50¢

Select Varieties
Our Family Donut Holes

11 - 12 oz.

$3.99

Save at least $1.00

Izzio Take & Bake Roasted Garlic Bread

14 oz.

$4.59

Save at least 40¢

Select Varieties
Strudel Bites

12 ct.

$2.99

Save at least $1.00

Select Varieties
Our Family Iced Cookies

13.5 oz.

$4.59

Save at least 40¢

Seafood Specials

Fresh
Verlasso Salmon
$12.99 lb.

Select Varieties
Gorton's Seafood
9 - 24.5 oz.
$7.99

Our Family Jumbo Cooked Shrimp
21 - 25 ct., 16 oz.
$10.99

Our Family Extra Jumbo Raw Shrimp
16 - 20 ct., 16 oz.
$9.99

Peeled & Deveined
Our Family Jumbo Raw Shrimp
21 - 25 ct., 16 oz.
$8.99

Our Family Extra Jumbo Cooked Shrimp
16 - 20 ct., 16 oz.
$11.99

Our Family Cooked Shrimp Ring with Sauce
24 oz.
$15.99

Chadalee Farms Premium Cocktail or Tartar Sauce (8 - 9 oz.) or **Pure Horseradish** (8 oz.)
2/$4

Our Family Large Cooked Shrimp
31 - 40 ct., 16 oz.
$9.99

Our Family Medium Cooked Shrimp
41 - 50 ct., 16 oz.
$8.49

Our Family Small Cooked Shrimp
61 - 70 ct., 16 oz.
$8.39

Our Family Cooked Salad Shrimp
100 - 150 ct., 16 oz.
$9.99

Our Family Cooked Shrimp Ring with Sauce
16 oz.
$7.49

Peeled & Deveined
Our Family Extra Large Raw Shrimp
26 - 30 ct., 16 oz.
$9.49

Peeled & Deveined
Our Family Large Raw Shrimp
31 - 40 ct., 16 oz.
$8.99

Peeled & Deveined, Tail-Off
Our Family Small Raw Shrimp
61 - 70 ct., 16 oz.
$8.49

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Mix or Match
Village Market, All Natural, Fresh
Pork Strips
Regular or BBQ
BUY ONE PKG., GET ONE PKG. OF EQUAL OR LESSER VALUE
FREE!

Smithfield Bone-In Shank Portion Ham
$1.25 lb.

Mix or Match
Village Market, All Natural
Boneless Pork Sirloin Chops
Thin, Regular, Stuffed, Tenderized or BBQ
Regular or Family Pack Size
BUY ONE PKG., GET ONE PKG. OF EQUAL OR LESSER VALUE
FREE!

ROAST SALE

Tender Ridge Choice Angus
Boneless Beef Top Round Rump Roast
$5.29 lb.

Village Market, All Natural, Fresh
Semi-Boneless Pork Shoulder Butt Roast
$2.29 lb.

Village Market, Fresh
Ground Hamburger
3 lb. or more pkg.
$5.49 lb.

Grade A, Fresh, Previously Frozen
Chicken Leg Quarters
10 lb. bag
$7.99

Village Market, All Natural
Pork Baby Back Ribs
$3.99 lb.

Tender Ridge Choice Angus
T-Bone Steak
$12.99 lb.

Butcher Shoppe Specialties

Village Market, All Natural, Fresh
Cubed Pork Cutlets
Family Pack
$3.49 lb.

Village Market, Store Made
Meatloaf with Green Pepper & Onion
$7.99 lb.

Village Market, Store Made, Fresh
Original Bulk Pork Breakfast Sausage
Family Pack
$2.99 lb.

Village Market, Store Made
Chicago Style Polish Loop Sausage
$3.99 lb.

Select Varieties
Eckrich Smok-Y Links
8.3 oz.
2/$7

Select Varieties
Smithfield Premium Sliced Bacon (16 oz.) or **Mike's Hot Honey Bacon** (12 oz.)
$5.99

Select Varieties
Eckrich Meat Franks (12 oz.) or **Regular or Thick Sliced Bologna or Cotto Salami** (10 - 12 oz.) (excludes beef)
2/$4

Christmas Baking Sale

Select Varieties
Betty Crocker Brownie or Cookie Mix
13.1 - 18 oz.
2/$6

Our Family Marshmallows
Regular, Mini or Fruit Flavored
10 - 10.5 oz.
3/$4

Select Varieties
Our Family Flour
5 lb.
$2.49

Our Family Light or Dark Brown or Powdered Sugar
2 lb.
2/$5

Our Family Granulated Sugar
4 lb.
$2.99

Superior Crystal Salt
Iodized or Plain
26 oz.
99¢

Our Family Cooking Spray
Butter, Vegetable or Canola
6 oz. (excludes olive oil)
2/$6

Our Family Cooking Oil
Vegetable or Canola
(40 oz.) or Blended (48 oz.)
$3.49

Our Family Almond Bark
Vanilla or Chocolate
24 oz.
$3.99

Our Family Chopped Pecans
8 oz.
$5.49

Our Family Chopped Walnuts
8 oz.
$3.99

Our Family Manzanilla Olives
Stuffed or Sliced
5.75 oz.
2/$4

Select Varieties
Our Family Pasta Sauce
23 - 24 oz.
2/$4

Select Varieties
Our Family Broth
32 oz.
2/$4

Ocean Spray Cranberry Sauce
Whole Berry or Jellied
14 oz.
2/$5

Our Family Cranberry Sauce
Whole Berry or Jellied
14 oz.
2/$4

Our Family Honey Bear
12 oz.
$3.99

Select Varieties
No Yolks Noodles
12 oz.
2/$5

Select Varieties
Our Family Marinades
12.25 oz.
2/$5

Our Family Peanut Butter
Creamy or Chunky
28 oz.
$3.49

Hormel Chopped or Crumbled Bacon
3.5 - 4.3 oz.
$3.99

Our Family Sliced Mushrooms
4 oz.
2/$3

Our Family Crispy French Fried Onions
6 oz.
2/$6

Select Varieties
Our Family Whipped Topping
8 oz.
2/$3

Breakfast Bargains

Village Market, Store Made, Fresh
Original Bulk Pork Breakfast Sausage
Family Pack
$2.99 lb.

Select Varieties
Folger's Ground Coffee
22.6 - 25.9 oz.
$11.99

Select Varieties
Maxwell House Ground Coffee
9.9 - 11.5 oz.
$6.99

Select Varieties
Dunkin' K-Cups
10 ct.
$7.99

Select Varieties
Dunkin' Ground or Whole Bean Coffee
12 oz.
$7.99

Select Varieties
Our Family Granola
11 - 12 oz.
2/$6

Select Varieties
General Mills Family Size Cereal, 18 - 19.7 oz.
$3.99

Select Varieties
Fiber One or Nature Valley Bars, 10 - 12 ct.
$4.99

Select Varieties
Aunt Millie's Bagels (6 ct.) or **Swirl Bread** (16 oz.)
2/$7

Our Family Low Fat Yogurt
Vanilla, Peach or Strawberry
32 oz.
$2.99

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Assorted Varieties
Pepsi Products
(2 liter) (plus deposit),
Dole Lemonade (2 liter),
Lipton Iced Tea or Pure Leaf (64 oz.)
2/$5

Assorted Varieties
Lipton Iced Tea
(12 pk., 16.9 oz. btls.) or
Pure Leaf (6 pk., 16.9 oz. btls.)
$5.99

Assorted Varieties
Pepsi Products
(12 pk., 12 oz. cans)
(plus deposit) or
Gatorade Sports Drinks
(8 pk., 20 oz. btls.)
$6.99
Save at least $2.00

Select Varieties
Ruffles Potato Chips
5.5 - 8.5 oz.
2/$9

Select Varieties
Doritos Tortilla Chips
9 - 10.75 oz.
2/$8
Save at least $4.58 on 2

Select Varieties
Hostess Multipacks Snacks
5 - 12 ct.
2/$6
Save at least $3.48 on 2

Select Varieties
Nabisco Snack Crackers
3.5 - 13.7 oz.
$3.99
Save at least 60¢

Select Varieties
Hershey's Giant Bars
7.37 - 7.56 oz.
2/$6
Save at least $2.48 on 2

Assorted Varieties
Coke Products
6 pk., 16.9 oz. btls.
(plus deposit)
2/$10
Save at least $3.98 on 2

Assorted Varieties
Coke Products
10 pk., 7.5 oz.
sleek mini cans
(plus deposit)
$7.99

Coors Banquet, Coors Light, Miller Lite, Miller 64 or Molson Canadian
24 pk., 12 oz. cans
(plus deposit)
$19.99
Save at least $2.00 on 1

Select Varieties
Kellogg's or Keebler Crackers
Cheez-It, Town House or Club
5.75 - 13.8 oz.
2/$7
Save at least $4.18 on 2

Assorted Varieties
Coke Products
8 pk., 12 oz. btls.
(plus deposit)..... **$6.69**

Select Varieties
Monster Energy Drinks
12 pk., 16 oz. cans
(plus deposit)..... **$21.99**

Select Varieties
Powerade Sports Drink
28 oz. ..... **3/$5**

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750 ml
$9.99

Select Varieties
Act II Microwave Popcorn
6 ct. ..... **2/$7**

Select Varieties
Utz Cheese Curls
8.5 oz. ..... **2/$6**

Select Varieties
Win Schuler's Cheese Spread
8 oz. **$3.99**

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Aunt Millie's Half Loaf Bread
12 oz.
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14 oz.
$1.19

Select Varieties
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6 ct. mega rolls
2/$10
Save at least $6.78 on 2

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8 ct.
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Select Varieties
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5.5 - 7.3 oz.
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Select Varieties
Our Family Designer Plates
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3/$3

Select Varieties
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Select Varieties
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2/$6

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Ultra Plush or Ultra Soft & Strong
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White Tear-A-Square (2 ct. triple roll)
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$7.49
Save at least $2.50

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Our Family Shredded Cheese, 32 oz.
$6.99
Save at least $2.50

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Salted or Unsalted Butter Quarters (16 oz.) or Spreadable (15 oz.)
$3.99
Save at least 50¢

Our Family 1% Lowfat or Fat Free Milk
gallon
$3.29
Save at least 70¢

Select Varieties
International Delight Coffee Creamer, 32 oz.
$3.99
Save at least $1.90

Select Varieties
Lender's Bagels
17.1 oz.
2/$5
Save at least $1.98 on 2

Our Family Half & Half
32 oz.
$3.49
Save at least 20¢

Country Fresh Egg Nog
half gallon
$5.99
Save at least $1.00

Select Varieties
Dutch Farms Chunk Cheese
8 oz.
2/$5
Save at least $2.48 on 2

Select Varieties
Chobani Yogurt
20G Protein (6.7 oz.), Flips! (4.5 oz.) or Creations (5.3 oz.)
3/$4
Save at least $1.67 on 3

frozen favorites - frozen favorites

Select Varieties
Dean's Country Fresh Ice Cream
48 oz.
$3.99
Save at least $2.00

Select Varieties
DiGiorno Pizza
Hand Tossed (17.3 - 18.9 oz.), Original Rising Crust (24.6 - 29.3 oz.) or Thin Crust (20.6 - 21.9 oz.)
2/$11
Save at least $4.98 on 2

Select Varieties
DiGiorno Detroit Style Pizza
20.9 - 22.3 oz.
2/$14

Stouffer's French Bread Pizza
11.75 - 12.75 oz.
2/$6
Save at least $2.78

Select Varieties
Totino's Pizza Rolls
100 ct.
$9.99
Save at least $3.90

Select Varieties
Marie Callender's Pot Pies
15 oz.
2/$7
Save at least $3.98 on 2

Select Varieties
Kemps Sherbet
54 oz.
$3.99
Save at least $1.00

Select Varieties
Mr. Dell's Hash Browns
30 - 32 oz.
$3.99
Save at least 90¢

Select Varieties
Hot Pockets
17 - 18 oz.
2/$9
Save at least $4.98 on 2

Paper Craft Mixed Peel & Stick Gift Labels
each
2/$3

Regent Christmas Wire Ribbon
each
$1.99

Selvar Toy Story 30th Anniversary Toys
each
$12.99

Anico 6-Inch Christmas Plush
each
$9.99

Select Varieties
White Mountain Puzzles
each
$16.99

Select Varieties
Fisher Price Wooden Toys
each
$15.99

Mattel Jurrasic World Mini Dino
each
$4.99

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Betty Crocker Cake Decorations Sprinkles (6 oz.) or **Table Craft Décor Picks** Snowman or Snowflakes (each)..
$5.99

Select Varieties
Blue Harbor Joyful Holiday Stoneware Mugs
each.....
$5.99

Select Varieties
Tuscany Candles
14 - 18 oz. .....
$12.99

Select Varieties
Kolorae Tough Tote
each .....
$4.99

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Select Varieties
TopCare Ibuprofen
Brown or 200 mg Orange (100 t. caplets), Breast Cancer Awareness (100 ct.) or Mini Softgels (80 ct.)
$6.99

Select Varieties
TopCare Children's Pain & Fever
(4 oz.), Chewable Junior 100 mg Tablets (24 ct.) or **Children's Non-Aspirin**
(4 oz.)
$4.59

Select Varieties
TopCare Liquid Hand Soap, 50 oz.
2/$10

Select Varieties
TopCare Night Time or Day Time Cold & Flu Relief
12 oz. or 24 ct.
$5.99

Select Varieties
TopCare Cough Drops
25 - 30 ct.
2/$3

TopCare Cherry Sore Throat Spray
6 oz.
$3.99

Select Varieties
Jiffy-Foil Cookie Sheets or Baking Pans
1 - 3 ct. .....
2/$3

Select Varieties
White Rain Liquid Hand Soap
(6 - 11.25 oz.) or **Bar Soap** (2 ct.) ....
$1.69

Colgate Adult Sonic Charcoal Toothbrush
each .....
$11.99

Select Varieties
Colgate Toothpaste
2 in 1, Kids, Maxfresh or Optic
4.2 - 6.3 oz. .....
2/$8

Select Varieties
Gold Bond Lotion
2 - 14 oz.
$11.99

Select Varieties
White Rain Shampoo & Conditioner Kids 3-in-1 Body Wash or Regular Body Wash
(12 oz.) or **Shampoo** or **Conditioner** (15 oz.)
2/$3

Select Varieties
Degree Deodorant
2.6 - 2.7 oz.
$5.99

Select Varieties
Colgate Toothpaste
4 - 6 oz.
2/$4

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- Colon, Decatur & Gobles: Open 7AM - 9PM 7 Days!

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Order your Turkey Dinner from Us!

To assure your meal is ready, please order your Christmas Dinner 48 Hours in Advance.
***$10.00 deposit Required**

Includes Mashed Potatoes (4 lb.), Turkey Gravy (1 lb.), Bread Stuffing and Sweet Potatoes (2 lb.) & Butterball Fully Cooked Frozen Turkey Avg. Size is 11 lb. See Stores for Details.

Cold Serves 10 - 12 **$69.99**

Hot Serves 10 - 12 **$74.99** plus tax

Order your Ham Dinner from Us!

To assure your meal is ready, please order your Christmas Dinner 48 Hours in Advance.
***$10.00 deposit Required**

Includes Scalloped Potatoes (4 lb.), Green Bean Casserole & Sweet Potatoes (2 lb.). Smithfield Spiral Ham Avg. Size is 8 - 9 lb. See Stores for Details

Cold Serves 10 - 12 **$69.99**

Hot Serves 10 - 12 **$74.99** plus tax

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Deli Fried Chicken
50-piece
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70-piece
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Assorted Varieties
Deli Made Cheese Ball
$6.49 lb.
Save at least 50¢ lb.

Select Varieties
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16 oz.
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Save at least 80¢

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12 ct.
$4.99
Save at least $1.00

Deep Fried Chicken Wing Zings
$7.49 lb.
Save at least $1.00 lb.

Columbus Charcuterie Tray
12.5 oz.
$16.99
Save at least $3.00

Produce

Fresh
Lemons
each
4/$3

Fresh & Finest Vegetable Platter
40 oz.
$13.99

Select Varieties
Marzetti Vegetable Dip
12 oz.
2/$7

HELP FIGHT HUNGER!

DONATE-A-BAG

Join Village Markets in helping our neighbors restock their shelves!

1.) Select a bag in the store in the amount that you wish to donate ($10, $15 or $20).
2.) Pay for the bag when you check out.
3.) Drop the bag off in the bin at the front of the store or you may take it directly to a person in need.
4.) We will coordinate the delivery of the donated food in the store bins to neighbors in need.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Celebrate with a Feast of Savings!

Prices Valid December 8 - December 14, 2025

Dairy

Select Varieties
Dutch Farms Cracker Cut Cheese
7 oz.
2/$6

Bakery

Fresh Baked
Small Cartwheel Rolls, 12 ct.
$5.99
Save at least $1.00

Bakery Fresh
Iced Cupcakes
Decorated for the Holiday, 24 ct.
$29.99
Save at least $3.00

Fresh Baked
Dinner Rolls
12 ct.
$3.49
Save at least $1.00

Select Varieties
Dutch Apron Cake Rolls
15.5 - 19.5 oz.
$8.99
Save at least $1.00

Village Market, Store Made
Fruit Cake
14 oz.
$6.99
Save at least $1.00

Meat

Smithfield Anytime Favorites Sliced Ham
1.5 lb.
$7.99

Select Varieties
Armour Meatballs
20 - 25 oz.
$5.99

Select Varieties
Curly's Pulled Meat
12 - 16 oz.
$5.49

Curly's Baby Back Ribs
24 oz.
$13.99

Eckrich Family Pack Cocktail Smokies
28 oz.
$6.99

Select Varieties
Eckrich Family Pack Smoked or Polish Sausage
30 - 42 oz.
$9.99

Armour Summer Sausage
20 oz.
$6.99

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Only at Village Market Food Centers

VILLAGE MARKET FOOD CENTERS

SAVE $5.00 OFF
Any Large Deli Made Party Tray

one coupon per family, per transaction